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*John L. Bates*

His Excellency, John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts.  
Great-grandson of Levi and Hannah<sup>5</sup> (Litchfield) Bates.

(Family No. 122.)

WILL\* OF ELEAZER<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD.

*In the name of God Amen.* I Eleazer Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth and State of the Massachusetts Bay, being of a sound mind, but recollecting my own frailty & mortality do make and ordain this my will in the following manner.

I bequeath my soul to God thro' the merits of Jesus Christ — my body I resign to the dust to be buried in a decent and christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named — my worldly estate I dispose of in the following manner.

*Imprimis*, I give to my well beloved wife Desire Litchfield the improvement of one half of my dwelling house, and the improvement of one half of my whole estate both real and personal so long as she remains my widow and no longer.

*Item.* I give to my son Ephraim the dwelling house where he now lives and one acre of land adjoining.

*Item.* I give to my other four sons, Charles, Job, John and Eleazer my dwelling house and my barn nearest to it and my smaller buildings and four acres of land adjoining them equally.

*Item.* I give to my five sons equally the one half of personal estate, And I further give them equally the whole of my real estate.

I nominate and appoint my two sons Ephraim & John the sole executors of this my last will and testament. I do ratify & confirm this to be my last will and testament, and in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of December 1779, and in the *fourth year of American Independence.*

ELEAZER<sup>R</sup> LITCHFIELD

Signed & sealed in presence of us  
witnesses :

Eben<sup>r</sup>. Grosvenor.

Job Quineck.

Caleb Litchfield.†

INVENTORY‡ OF ESTATE OF ELEAZER<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD.

SCITUATE November the 16, day 1780

Pursuant to a warrant from the Hon. Joseph Cushing Esqr. Judge of Probate for the County of Plymouth, we the subscribers have prized all the estate both real and personal of Mr. Eleazer Litchfield late of Scituate deceased.

\* Dated Dec. 10, 1779. Probated Aug. 2, 1780. (Plymouth Probate Records.)

† Caleb Litchfield was the son of Eleazer's brother, Isaac<sup>4</sup> (see Family No. 34).

‡ Plym. Co. Probate Records, vol. xxv, p. 537.

To Purse & apparell 646 lb — To notes of hand 325.14.1	971 : 14 : 01
To household furniture 2211 : 19/ . . . . .	2211 : 19 : 00
To 1 gun & Indian Corn & Sundries . . . . .	207 : 05 : 00
To 1 piece of Cloth & Sundries 93 lb — To Shop Tools 86 lb . . . . .	179 : 00 : 00
To farming tools 504 lb — To horses 360 lb . . . . .	864 : 00 : 00
To Sheep & Swine 592 lb — To Horned Cattle 1966.10/	2558 : 10 : 00
To 1000 wt. Beef 400 lb — To 1 round table 6 lb. . . . .	406 : 00 : 00
To one Pew and half . . . . .	360 : 00 : 00
To 70 acres of land with the buildings 25,652 : 10 : 00	
To 39 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres of land with the House 11,697 : 16 : 08	
To 31 acres of Land . . . . .	7,440 : 00 : 00
To 40 acres of Land . . . . .	8,000 : 00 : 00
To 6 acres of Land . . . . .	1,280 : 00 : 00
To 11 acres of Swamp Land . . . . .	1,040 : 00 : 00
To 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Salt Marsh . . . . .	3,480 : 00 : 00
	58,590 : 06 : 08

£66,348 : 14 : 09\*

THOMAS LITCHFIELD

JOSHUA OTIS

THOMAS CURTIS

(Sworn to December the 4th 1780)

Plymouth ss — December the 5th 1780 — Then Ephraim Litchfield, *Sole surviving executor* of the last will and testament of Eleazar Litchfield late of Scituate deceased, made oath, that the within inventory contains all the estate of said deceased, that had come to his knowledge and if hereafter he should know of any other he will render an acct. of it — the appraisers being also under oath

JOS. CUSHING Judge Prob.

### Abstracts from the Scituate First Parish records :

Eleazar Litchfield Renewed Cov<sup>t</sup> & offered his child in baptism  
[and]

Desire wife of Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Litchfield owned Cov<sup>t</sup> & was bap: 20 m<sup>ch</sup>  
1742

Eleazar Son of S<sup>d</sup> Eleaz<sup>r</sup> & Desire was baptized 20 m<sup>ch</sup> 1742

Ephraim Son of Eleazar Litchfield baptized 16 oct 1743

Desire Daug<sup>t</sup> of Eleazar Litchfield being Sick was baptized pri-  
vately in its fathers house 24 Nov 1746

Charles Son of Eleazar Litchf<sup>ld</sup> bap<sup>t</sup> 23 June 1751

Job Son of Eleazar Litchf<sup>ld</sup> baptized 2 Sept 1753

John Son of Eleazar Litchfield was baptized 23 May 1756

Eleazar Son of Eleazar Litchfield baptised privately 7 June 1759

\* Inflated Continental currency.

The births of only the first two of Eleazer's children occur on the Scituate town records; but they were all, probably, born there.

Children of Eleazer<sup>4</sup> and Desire (White) Litchfield:

- i. ELEAZER,<sup>5</sup> Jr., b. Sept. 16, 1742; d. young.
74. ii. EPHRAIM, b. Sept. 26, 1743; m. Penelope<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 28).
75. iii. DESIRE, b. abt. 1746; perhaps d. young.
76. iv. CHARLES, b. abt. 1751; prob. d. unm., abt. 1831.
77. v. JOB, b. abt. 1753; m. Mary Burditt ("Burdit," "Bardy"). Both burned to death in 1822.
78. vi. JOHN, b. abt. 1756; d. 1780.
79. vii. ELEAZER, Jr., b. abt. 1759; m. Deborah Witherell.

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SUSANNA<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born, probably, in Scituate, but the exact date is not at hand. It was in 1717, according to Deane and Morse. Baptized Sept. 4, 1720. Married in Scituate, May 20, 1742 (int. Apr. 9), to Job Clapp (or Clap),\* as his *first wife*. She died before 1758.

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\* He was b. Scit., Nov. 6, 1712, bapt. Scit., May 31, 1713, son of Joseph<sup>3</sup> Clap. The Clapp Gen., p. 113, says that Job Clapp m. *Temperance* —, and had a dau. *Sarah*, b. June 4, 1759. But according to Scit. town records, the *Sarah*, b. June 4, 1759, was dau. of Job and Penelope Clap. According to the Hatch Gen. (*Descendants of William<sup>1</sup> of Scit.*), Penelope, b. abt. 1736, was dau. Isaac<sup>3</sup> Hatch (*Walter*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) and Penelope Ewell (dau. Gershom, see footnote on Ewells, p. 141).

Job Clap m. July 20, 1758, Penelope Hatch. Scituate town records: Intentions, "Mr Job Clap of Scituate to Mrs Penelopie Hatch of Pembroke March ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1758;" "Sarah Clap Daughter of Job Clap & Penelopie his wife was Born June ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1759." From First Parish Rec.: "Penelope wife of Job Clp renew Covt & joined with her husband in giving their daught Sarah in Baptism 26 Augt 1759." This *Sarah Clap* m. Nov. 25, 1779, *Cornelius Barnes* of Hingham, where she d. Dec. 4, 1786, aet. 27. (See Hist. Hingham, vol. ii., p. 26.) From a study of these data, it follows that if *Susanna<sup>4</sup> Litchfield* was wife of this Job Clap, she was his *first wife* and d. before 1758. The maiden name of *Temperance* —, given as wife of Job, has not been learned. If the above premises are true, then *Temperance* was *third wife* of Job. But according to the will of Job Clapp he left a widow, *Zilpher* (Stetson), to whom intentions of marriage are recorded at Scituate, May 5, 1764. She was therefore his *fourth wife*, if *Temperance* is to be considered as one of his wives, a doubtful assumption. *Sarah*, b. 1759, was, quite surely, *his only child*. From Scituate Second Church records, it is learned that there was a *Stephen Clap* who had a wife *Temperance*. They were members of the church in 1751.

Job Clap had a negro servant, named "Cuffee" (or "Coffee,") according to this record among the intentions of marriage in one of the Town books: "Cuffe negro Servt of mr Job Clap to Ruth Raff [Indian] both of Scituate January ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1755." They were m. Dec. 29, 1755 (First Church Rec.).

They probably had *no children*. Susannah<sup>4</sup> received £500 from her father's estate (see will, p. 93).

The Scituate First Parish records contain the following :

Job Clap admitted to Com. [Communion] 4 aug 1745

Susanna wife of Job Clap [admitted to Communion] 4 aug 1745

Job Clapp died between Jan. 24, 1781, date of his will, and Mch. 16, 1781, when it was probated. He left his property in equal shares to his wife, *Zilpher*, and to his daughter, *Sarah Barnes*, both of whom served as executors. The will was witnessed by Benjamin Clap, James Briggs, Jr., and Augustus Clap, who also appraised the estate. "Corneales" Barnes was cited in to appear at the hearing appointing executors and proving will. Will recorded at Plymouth Probate Registry, vol. xxviii : p. 43.

In the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Job Clapp\* is named as *grantor*, to the following: Benjamin Clapp, 1750 and 1767; Stephen Chittenden, 1752; Elisha Merritt, 1748; and Israel Vinal, 1750. As *grantee*, from the following: Joseph Clapp; Benjamin Clapp (twice); Israel Vinal; Stephen Chittenden; Elizabeth Nichols; Isaac Chittenden; and Isaac Stetson. There is no mention of a wife of Job Clapp in these deeds.

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ISAAC<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1719, according to Deane, and probably in Scituate, where he was baptized, Sept. 4, 1720.

Isaac<sup>4</sup> was a wealthy man for those days, and it is said by a granddaughter that his children were brought up in an aris-

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\* The will of Joseph<sup>3</sup> (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) Clapp, father of Job,<sup>4</sup> dated Nov. 14, 1740, probated Mch. 7, 1747, mentions the following heirs, — *sons*, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, *Job*, Elisha and Jacob; *daughters*, Mary *Hodges*, Abigail *Clapp*, Ann *Woodworth* and Sarah *White*. Land was given to Job<sup>4</sup> which corresponds with land described in Job's estate. (Plym. Prob. Rec., vol. xi : p. 26.)

Job<sup>4</sup> had a brother, Joseph,<sup>4</sup> Jr., whose wife was Sarah Perkins. Joseph's will, dated Mch. 1, 1768, probated July 24, 1770, names wife Sarah, executrix, son Elijah (under 16), dau. Hannah Jenkins and grandson, Thomas Jenkins. (Plym. Prob. Rec. vol. xx : p. 390.)



ocratic manner. He was a farmer, a large landholder (see will of Nicholas,<sup>3</sup> pp. 92-95), and somewhat of a speculator. He was a soldier in the French and Indian wars and probably in the Revolution (see appendix). He lived on the "Cowing place" in Scituate, later the homestead of his son, Stephen,<sup>5</sup> and now near Egypt station.

At town meeting, Oct. 9, 1751, allowed "to Isaac Litchfield being y<sup>e</sup> foot of his acc<sup>o</sup>, £3-11-2." On Oct. 1, 1759, the town "Voted the Grammer School to be Kept y<sup>e</sup> Following Year one Half at y<sup>e</sup> School house near y<sup>e</sup> Southerly meeting House & y<sup>e</sup> other  $\frac{1}{2}$  Year as near Isaac Litchfield, as a House may be had without any charge to said Town."

His *first* marriage was to his first cousin, Lydia<sup>5</sup> Cowing. This occurred in Scituate, Sept. 8, 1743 (int. Aug. 6). She was the daughter, bapt. Scituate, May 5, 1728, of Israel<sup>4</sup> and Lydia (Balch) Cowing (see Family No. 15). She died at Scituate, Aug. 22, 1756, and is buried in Groveland Cemetery, where her headstone reads as follows: "Here Lyes the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia Lechfield Wife of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lechfield Who Died August the .22. 1756." The footstone is marked: "M<sup>rs</sup> Lydia Lechfield."

The *second* wife of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was Hannah Hersey, born May 1, 1729 (Milton records), daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Stodder) Hersey.\*

Intentions of marriage were filed at Scituate: "Mr. Isaac Litchfield & Mrs.† Hannah Hercy of Scituate, Jan. 7, 1758." They were married at Scituate, Feb. 22, 1758. She died at Scituate, Aug. 20, 1798, and is buried probably near the first wife.

Isaac<sup>4</sup> died in Scituate, Dec. 11, 1800, and is buried probably beside his wives.

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\* Miss Sarah R. Damon of No. Scituate has traced their ancestry as follows: Caleb<sup>4</sup> Hersey — son of John<sup>3</sup> (wife, Elizabeth), son of William<sup>2</sup> (wife, Rebecca Chubuck, dau. of Thomas and Alice), son of William<sup>1</sup> and Elizabeth Hersey. Hannah<sup>4</sup> Stodder was the dau. of Stephen<sup>3</sup> (wife, Hannah Canterbury, dau. of Cornelius and Anna), son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> (wife, Elizabeth Gill, dau. of Thomas Gill and Hannah Otis), son of John<sup>1</sup> and Anna Stodder. (See History of Hingham.)

† Used as a term of respect, very commonly, at this time.



## PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.\*

Mch. 21, 1746-7. Joseph Cowing (Family No. 19), to Isaac Litchfield, 16 A. land on which grantor resided, with the dwelling-house, all of which property he had bought of his mother, Hannah Cowing. This property adjoined land of Nicholas<sup>3</sup> Litchfield, Jonathan Merritt and Joseph Bailey, Jr. Witnesses: Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and Israel Cowing. [Vol. xl: p. 35.]

Feb. 26, 1750. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, for £40, to Joseph Elmes, Scituate, yeoman, 9½ A. Scituate land. Abutters: Highway from John Elmes to Jacob Vinall, Jr.; James Merritt; also by land purchased by said Elmes of Job Cowing. Witnesses; Thomas Clap and John Clap. Ack. Feb. 26, 1750. Rec. Apr. 4, 1755. [Vol. xliii: p. 79.]

May 13, 1752. Isaac Lechfield, for £360 to James Studley, Scituate, yeoman, 73 A. land in Scituate, in Beach neck. Abutters: highway and Joshua Newell, land of said Studley and lines of Cedar swamp. Allowance being made for highway that goes to Cedar swamp. Witnesses: Caleb Torrey and Josiah Lichfield. Ack. Mch. 21, 1755. Rec. July 15, 1755. [Vol. xliii: p. 142.]

May 23, 1752. Thomas Litchfield (Family No. 36), for £129, to Isaac Litchfield, one-half part of the land and buildings conveyed to Thomas and Isaac by their father, Nicholas<sup>3</sup> Litchfield, Mch. 15, 1749 (see deed, page 82). [Vol. xlii: p. 232.]

June 15, 1770. Henry Meritt, Scituate, gentleman, for £234: 13s.: 4d., to Isaac Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, a farm in Scituate, consisting of 44 A. upland, swamp, and salt marsh. Abutters: Wade, Thomas Lichfield, Jon<sup>a</sup> Cudworth and Little's, Jenkins, Tilden Lot, Ebenezer Bailey, Ambrose Cole, the creek, and James Meritt. Witnesses: Benj. Peirce, Jr., and Ruth Downs[?] Ack. Plymouth, July 17, 1770. Rec. Feb. 5, 1771. [Vol. lv: p. 231.]

June 15, 1770. Benjamin Peirce, Scituate, yeoman, for £166: 13s.: 4d., to Isaac Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, three parcels land in Scituate, containing 25 A. Abutters of first parcel: Joseph Bailey, James Jenkins, Ebenezer Mott, Jane Peirce's dower and highway; of second parcel: salt marsh, "planting Island," Howard Peirce, Ebenezer Bailey; abutters of third parcel: patent line, Amasa Bailey, James Studley, and James Newell. Witnesses: Barnabas and Abigail Little. Ack. July 2, 1770. Rec. Feb. 5, 1771. [Vol. lv: p. 231.]

\* See deed page 82; also deeds of Families Nos. 28, 32, 37 and 38. It is possible that some of these deeds belong to Isaac<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Jr. (Family No. 81).

May 23, 1772. Patience Bailey, spinster and relict of Benjamin Bailey, Scituate, for £28: 14s.: 11d., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, 14 A. 60 rds. land, in Scituate, near land of Henry Merritt and Elisha<sup>s</sup> Litchfield. [Vol. lvii: p. 14.] See next deed.

May 26, 1772. Elisha<sup>s</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 72), "ship-joyner," Scituate, with Ruth, his wife, for £22: 9s., to Isaac Litchfield, land which formerly belonged to Benjamin Bailey, and before Bailey, to Benjamin Stockbridge. [Vol. lvii: p. 14.] See deed above.

Apr. 1, 1779. Mary Hatch, spinster and widow, Scituate, for £162, to Barnabas Little and Isaac Litchfield, both of Scituate, yeomen, 3 A. salt marsh, lying near Brigg's Harbour. "The said three acres fell to me by heirship to my father John Cudworth late of Scituate." Abutters: James Newel, Aaron Pratt, Thomas Orcutt, James Cudworth. Said Barnabas Little and Isaac Litchfield to have equal shares of above premises. Witnesses: Jonathan Carrel (?), Deborah Cudworth. Ack. June 17, 1779. Rec. May 23, 1780. [Vol. lx: p. 81.]

May 3, 1783. Cornelius Barnes, Hingham, yeoman, and Sarah his wife, for £74: 5s., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 18 A. upland in Scituate, near Man's Hill. Abutters: David Man, Josiah Man, Job Vinal, and Jacob Vinal. Ack. May 23, 1783. Rec. Apr. 22, 1784. [Vol. lxiii: p. 67.]

May 10, 1783. Benjamin House, Scituate, yeoman, for £22: 17s.: 7½d., to Barnabas Little and Isaac Litchfield, yeoman, both of Scituate, 3¼ A., 3 rds., salt marsh, in Scituate, called "Rock Island meadow." Abutters: Jacob Lincoln, by the "Guzzel," the creek, and John Newel. Ack. May 10, 1783. Rec. Aug. 15, 1783. [Vol. lxii: p. 121.]

Mch. 25, 1789. Levi Newell, Scituate, yeoman, for £24, to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 2½ A. of upland and fresh meadow in Scituate, with a dwelling house standing thereon, in which "I said Levi now live." Abutters: Highway and Elijah Stoder. Witnesses: Paul Merritt, Israel Vinal and Nathaniel Vinal. Ack. Mar. 25, 1789. Rec. Apr. 16, 1789. [Vol. lxix: p. 46.]

May 27, 1790. John Whitcom, Boston, seaman, for £77: 11s., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 20 A. 110 rds. land in Scituate on west side of highway leading from John Otis's to Snell Wade's. Abutters: Nathaniel Elmes, Snell Wade, Samuel Brown, and Simeon Wade. Land "which was given and bequeathed to me in & by the last will & testament of the Said Mr. Samuel Brown dec'd." Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Marcy Vinal, Jr. Ack. May 27, 1790. Rec. Oct. 2, 1790. [Vol. lxx: p. 155.]

Feb. 28, 1791. David Man, Scituate, yeoman, for £24: 7s.: 6d., to Isaac Litchfield, yeoman, 6½ A., pasture in Scituate. Abutters: Josiah Man, Thomas Man, Nathaniel Wade, Job Vinal, and Isaac Litchfield. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Josiah Damon. Ack. March 1, 1791. Rec. March 2, 1791. [Vol. lxx: p. 246.]

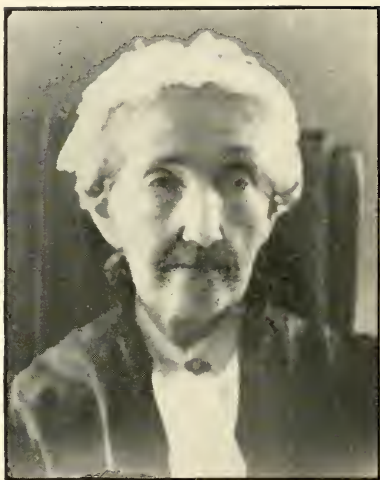
April 28, 1791. Benjamin Briggs, yeoman, and Leah Damon, widow, Scituate, for £120, to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 24 A. of land in Scituate, also a dwelling-house standing thereon, known as the Peirce place. Said Benjamin Briggs and Leah Damon being administrators of the estate of Josiah Damon dec'd. (See Family No. 23.) Abutters: Nathaniel Wade, Thomas Curtis, Job Vinal, James Merritt, Seth Merritt's heirs, Josiah Man, Leah Damon, Joshua Otis, and Briggs's Pond. Isaac Litchfield was the *highest bidder* when the premises were sold at *auction*. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Mary Vinal, Jr. Ack. May 11, 1791. Rec. June 6, 1791. [Vol. lxxi: p. 119.]

June 1, 1791. Nathaniel Man, Scituate, mariner, for £9: 4s.: 6d., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, a parcel of meadow & upland in Scituate set off to him from his father's (Josiah Mann's) real estate, April 21, 1791. Wife, Abigail Mann, released her right of dower. Witnesses: John Jacob, Wm. Turner, Josiah Damon and John Damon. Ack. June 1, 1791. Rec. June 6, 1791. [Vol. lxxi: p. 120.]

May 18, 1792. Elijah Warner (and Hannah, his wife), of Chesterfield, yeoman, for £19, to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 4 A. of land in Scituate, it being "part of the homestead farm upon which the said Isaac Litchfield now liveth, the whole of the right, title, and interest which belongeth to the said Hannah in the afore-said Farm, the Fee of which descended unto her from her late mother Lydia Litchfield, first wife to the said Isaac, which the said Hannah holds in Reversion; the use & improvement of which belongeth to the said Isaac During his life." Witnesses: Benjamin Bonney and Simeon<sup>s</sup> Litchfield. Ack. May 25, 1792. Hampshire Co. Rec. Aug. 17, 1792. [Vol. lxxiii: p. 78.] See Family No. 83.

July 19, 1792. Nathaniel Mann, labourer, Mary Mann, Jr., Deborah Mann, singlewoman and spinster, all of Scituate, for £24: 12s., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 8½ A. of land with dwelling-house and barn thereon in Scituate, being in two pieces; *first* piece, containing 7 A. with abutters: Thomas Mann, David Mann, Jonathan Vinal, Isaac Litchfield, with dwelling-house & barn, in and upon which the said Nathaniel, Mary and Deborah were living:





Mrs. Isabella<sup>6</sup> (Litchfield) Sturtevant.  
Born July 4, 1810. Residing in Keene, N. H., 1903.  
Grand-daughter of Isaac<sup>3</sup> Litchfield.

(See Family No. 86.)

*second* piece, containing about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  A., being "Mann Island," so called, and is bounded as by the records of the same. Witnesses: Israel Vinal and Debby Vinal. Ack. Aug. 8, 1792. Rec. Aug. 27, 1792. [Vol. lxxiii: p. 77.]

March 16, 1793. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £6, to Levi Newel, Scituate, yeoman,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  A. land in Scituate with buildings thereon, which had been conveyed by grantee to grantor March 25, 1789. Witnesses: William Turner, and Simeon<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. Ack. March 16, 1793. Rec. March 18, 1793. [Vol. lxxiv: p. 18.]

July 7, 1794. Hayward Pierce, admn. estate of John Vinal, late of said Scituate, for £9: 5s.: 1d.: 1 *farthing*, to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, " $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3 acres of meadow, woodlands, islands, etc., lying in common & undivided with meadow, uplands, etc., belonging to the heirs of Jacob Vinal." Abutters: Peakes, the creek, Esquire Vinal, and Cudworth upland. Witnesses: Stephen<sup>5</sup> Litchfield and Drusilla Hatch. Ack. July 7, 1794. Rec. Dec. 24, 1800. [Vol. lxxxix: p. 142.]

Jan. 30, 1795. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for £38: 15s.: 6d., to Abner Hearsy Litchfield (Family No. 85), Scituate, yeoman, 20 A., 110 rds. land in Scituate. Abutters: highway, Capt. Hayward Peirce, Snell Wade, Lawrence<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Simeon Wade. Witnesses: Stephen<sup>5</sup> Litchfield and Leah Damon. Ack. May 15, 1795. Rec. Apr. 14, 1796. [Vol. lxxix: p. 86.]

May 7, 1795. Jacob Vinal, Scituate, yeoman, for £9: 5s., to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, "one half of about 3 acres of Salt meadow uplands & woodland, belonging to said Jacob Vinal, it being in common & undivided with the said Isaac Litchfield, and is known as the Rock meadow, & lyeth near Joseph Cudworth's." Abutters: Job Vinal, the creek, Esquire Vinal, and Cudworth upland. Witnesses: William Turner and Stephen Turner. Ack. May 15, 1795. Rec. Dec. 24, 1800. [Vol. lxxxix: p. 139.]

Dec. 24, 1795. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for \$100.15, to Mary Mann, Jr., and Deborah Mann, both of Scituate, spinsters, about  $8\frac{1}{2}$  A. land, with dwelling-house and barn, in Scituate, being in two pieces. *First* piece of 7 A., on which said buildings stand, has abutters: Thomas Mann's heirs, David Mann, Ignatius Vinal, and Isaac Litchfield. *Second* piece, of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres and is bounded in deed of said land, dated July 19, 1792. Witnesses: Elijah Turner and Lucy Litchfield. Ack. Dec. 25, 1795. Rec. Aug. 9, 1796. [Vol. lxxx: p. 262.]

Oct. 13, 1798. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for \$2293.00, to Stephen<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, four parcels of land with buildings thereon, in



Scituate. *First* piece, of 60 A., being "my right in the homestead farm;" *second* piece, of about 21 A., known as the "Peirce place," with abutters: Hayward Peirce, Ebenezer Bailey, Amos Meritt, Gideon Jenkins, and Atwood Mott; *third* piece, of 2 A. salt marsh, adjacent to Calvin Peirce's land; *fourth* piece, of 3 A., salt marsh, lying near Hollets Island, with abutters: Caleb Peirce, Job Turner, Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, and the creek. Witnesses: Hayward Pierce and Mercy Cudworth. Ack. Oct. 13, 1798. Rec. Dec. 18, 1800. [Vol. lxxxix: p. 147.]

Apr. 16, 1800. Chas. Otis, Boston, mariner, and Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, for \$140, 30 cents, 7 mills, to John Burbank, Christopher James and Elisha Lincoln, all yeomen and of "Cohasset," two parcels of salt marsh in Scituate on Farm Neck; *one piece* being near Rock Island and around Mann Rock, so called, including said "Rock" in plan, containing 3 acres, with abutters: Whitcom, Lincoln and the "flatts or Brigg's harbour," so called. The *other piece* lying at a place called "three score acres," which land is now known by the name of the Hatch meadow, containing about 2 A. 110 rds. with abutters: Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, the creek, Whitcom & Kent, Bassing beach; it being land formerly owned by Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and Barnabas Little. Ack. April 16, 1800. Rec. Apr. 15, 1801. [Vol. xc: p. 117.]

#### SUFFOLK COUNTY DEEDS.\*

Dec. 30, 1757. Hannah Hearsey, Scituate, spinster, for £90, to Isaac Lichfield, Scituate, yeoman, one-fourth of a farm in Milton, of 50 A., "being the estate of my hon<sup>d</sup> Father Caleb Hearsey late of said Milton deced<sup>d</sup>," falling to Hannah, as heir. Bounded by lands of Isaac Billings, Samuel Fenner, and Benjamin Horton, and by the highway. Witnesses: John Mott and Eleazer Litchfield (Family No. 32). Rec. Feb. 22, 1758. [Vol. xci: p. 93.] Hannah, the grantor, became afterwards the wife of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield.

June 17, 1771. Josiah Quincy of Braintree, for £270, to Isaac Lincoln, gentleman, Thomas Lincoln, John Pratt, and Aaron Pratt, yeomen, all of Cohasset, and Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, land in Cohasset, bounds being expressed in a mortgage deed from Samuel Bates to Josiah Quincy, dated July 3, 1765, excepting one-half of an acre which said Samuel sold to his son, Joseph Bates, as expressed in

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\* In the following Suffolk County deeds, Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield is named as an *abutter* to land belonging respectively in 1780 and 1784, to Samuel and Joseph Fenno, both of Milton, and in 1781 to William Tucker of Milton:— Vol. cxl: p. 112; vol. cxlii: p. 78; and vol. cxlvii: p. 149, *q. v.*



deed of Oct. 14, 1760. Witnesses: Stephen Stodder and Benjamin Lincoln. Rec. Nov. 26th. [Vol. cxx: p. 108.] See below.

Apr. 1, 1772. Isaac Lincoln, gentleman, Thomas Lincoln, John Pratt, and Aaron Pratt, yeomen, all of Cohasset, and Isaac Litchfield, yeoman, of Scituate, for £500, to John Gillispie of Boston, merchant, 22 A. 2 rds. land in Cohasset, with dwelling-house, barn and out-buildings, bounded by highway, Daniel Tower's land, etc., also 18 A. land. Sarah Lincoln, Rebecca Lincoln, Bridget Pratt and Hannah Litchfield, wives of grantors, released their dower-rights. Witnesses: Benjamin Lincoln and Jorem Stephenson. Rec. Apr. 11th. [Vol. cxxi: p. 58.] See above.

#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY DEEDS.

Apr. 19, 1792. Elijah Warner (Family No. 83) of Chesterfield, to Isaac Litchfield of Scituate, part of Lot No. 35, being 44 A. in Chesterfield. Witnesses: Joseph C. Howe and Jedidiah Southworth. Rec. May 26th. [Vol. iv: p. 345.]

May 18, 1792. Isaac Litchfield of Scituate to the children\* of Hannah Warner, wife of Elijah (Family No. 83), by consent and with the advice of Elijah, the land described in above deed, with house and barn. Hannah, wife of grantor, released. Witnesses: Israel and Debby Vinal. Rec. May 26th. [Vol. v: p. 180.]

May 21, 1792. Oliver Edwards of Chesterfield to Isaac Litchfield of Scituate, about 7 A. land in Lot No. 35 in Chesterfield. Witnesses: Benjamin Bonney and Simeon Litchfield (son of Isaac). Rec. May 25th. [Vol. v: p. 179.]

June 6, 1797. Isaac Litchfield of Scituate to John Ewell of Chesterfield, a power of attorney to divide land in Chesterfield and WORTHINGTON. Witnesses: Simeon Litchfield (son of Isaac) and Hayward Peirce. Rec. Jan. 11, 1798. [Vol. xiii: p. 155.]

Dec. 26, 1797. "Gathelius" Cowing, Chesterfield, to Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, part of Lot No. 28, in Chesterfield. Witnesses: Benjamin Parsons and Obadiah Stephenson. Rec. June 20, 1798. [Vol. xiv: p. 92.] See Family No. 18.

Dec. 26, 1797. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, to "Gathelius" Cowing, Chesterfield, part of Lot No. 28, in Chesterfield. Witnesses, as above. Rec. Jan. 11, 1798. [Vol. xii: p. 499.] See Family No. 18.

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\*The children of Elijah and Hannah Warner are named: Isaac, Elijah, Consider, Lydia, Mary, Abigail and Rebekah (see Family No. 83).

## NORFOLK COUNTY DEEDS.

Mch. 5, 1794. Isaac Litchfield, Scituate, to Caleb Litchfield (his son) of Milton, about 38 A. land situate in Milton. Rec. Mch. 5, 1795. [Vol. iii: p. 114.] See deeds of Caleb<sup>5</sup> L.

Apr. 18, 1795. Isaac Litchfield and wife, Hannah, to Caleb Litchfield (their son), about 50 A. land situate on the Taunton road in Milton. Rec. Apr. 27, 1795. [Vol. iii: p. 178.]

The following Agreement, signed June 5, 1795, is the copy of a paper found in the collection of the late Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield (see footnote, p. 75):

Whereas We the proprietors of Salt marsh Laying and being in Scituate to the Eastward of a Coseway that Leads from hooppole-Neck to farm neck So called we think it best to take up the bridge and make the water-corse larger erect gates and works either to drean or Pond s<sup>d</sup> meadows as we think best — We the subscribers do hereby Covenant and agree to pay our full and just porpotion on such numbers of acres as we annex to our names in porpotion as the whole Cost Shall arise and in order to accomplish s<sup>d</sup> works we do hereby agree & ingage that job Turner & Daniel Litchfield and Eleazer peaks or Either of them Do Cause Said Work to be Com-pleated as Soon as may be

Witness our hands this fifth day of june 1795.

Daniel Litchfield\* 12 acres Simeon Litchfield† 6 acres

Israel Vinal‡ 3 acres and 25 Rods

Thomas Lechfeld§ 6 acres and half

Eleazar Litchfield|| 4 acres Joshua Otis 9 acres

Eleazar Peakes 6 acres and an half

Job Turner 20 acres Josiah Litchfield\*\* 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres

James Merritt 3 acres Isaac Lichfield†† 4 acres

Job Cushing 7 Noah Price 1 acre  $\frac{1}{2}$

Eunice Russell  $\frac{3}{4}$  Paul Otis  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre

Hayward Peirce 6 Roland Litchfield‡‡ 4 acres

N. B. aney proprietor who Inclines to furnish timber bords Plank or Labour are desired to make it known.

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\* Family No. 57.    † Family No. 87.    ‡ Family No. 103.    § Family No. 36.  
 || Family No. 79.    \*\* Family No. 50.    †† Family No. 34.    ‡‡ Family No. 102.

WILL\* OF ISAAC<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD.

**In the Name of God Amen.** I Isaac Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth, Yeoman, being of sound mind and memory; after committing my soul to the author of my existence & my body to decent burial, do make & ordain this to be my last will & testament, this twenty fifth day of May Anno Domini 1798 in manner following viz.,

Imp<sup>rs</sup>. I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife, Hannah, the use & improvement of my west front room with a privilege in the kitchen, oven, cellar, well, &c., as may be convenient for her to live comfortably, in the house where I now dwell.

Item. I give to my wife Hannah, one third part of my indoor movables, meaning my household stuff or the furniture of the house.

Item. I give to my wife Hannah, two good cows, as her own property, my will also is, that the cows be well kept for her, summer and winter by my son Stephen.

Item. I give to my wife Hannah four cord & an half of wood yearly; brought to her door; also eight bushels of Indian corn and four bushels of Rye, yearly to be paid her by my two sons, Abner & Stephen, my meaning is, the wood & grain both to be paid her by them.

Item. I give to my wife Hannah the sum of two Pounds yearly, to be paid by my son Abner.

Item. I give to my wife Hannah Sixty weight of good pork & forty weight of good beef yearly, to be paid her by my son Stephen, furthermore my will is that my son Stephen pay her one barrel of cider yearly and also, that she have a privilege in the orchard for apples, for her own particular use.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Abner H. Litchfield the use & improvement of my Merritt Place (excepting six acres that is the best wooded; the said six acres to be taken off next to Wades, Otis & Jenkins' land) during his natural life.

Item. I give to my son Abner, the improvement of a piece of land that I bought of Elisha Litchfield† & the widow Bailey, adjoining the said Merritt Place, during his natural life.

Item. I give to my son Abner, the improvement of a piece of land called the Whitcomb Pasture during his natural life.

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\* Dated May 25, 1798; probated Dec. 24, 1800. [Plymouth County Probate Rec. Vol. xxxvii: p. 369.]

† Elisha Litchfield was son of his brother James<sup>4</sup> and the widow Bailey was the widow of Benjamin. See deeds of May 23 and 26, 1772.

Item. I give to my son Abner, the improvement of a piece of Salt Marsh that I bought of Desire Pierce, and a piece of Salt Marsh that I bought of William Collier.~ Also my flats so called, during his natural life, and at his decease my will is, that the above several pieces of land, which I have given my son Abner the improvement of, shall then be equally divided between his two sons Jacob & Hersey, to them & their heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Caleb Litchfield fifteen Pounds, to be paid him by my son Stephen, in two years after my decease.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Simeon Litchfield six shillings, to be paid him by my son Stephen in one year after my decease.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Litchfield the *farm upon which I now live called the Cowing Place*; also the house & land that I bought of Benjamin Pierce, to him & his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give to my son Stephen, a piece of land that I bought of Cornelius Barnes & wife called the Clap Pasture, also the six acres of woodland reserved out of the Merritt Place, so called to him and his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give to my son Stephen, eight acres of wood land lying near where Deacon Litchfields\* Bark House usually stood, to him & his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give to my son Stephen a piece of Salt Marsh, joining to Calvin Peirce's field; also a piece of Salt Marsh called the Holbrook meadow lying between farm neck & Hoopole Neck so called; also a piece of Salt marsh that I bought of Capt Merritt; also a piece of Salt Marsh called the Rock meadow, lying near where Joseph Cudworth usually lived, to him & his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give to my son Stephen, a piece of fresh meadow called the Cowing meadow; also all my Cedar Swamp land so called, to him & his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath to my three daughters Mary Peirce, Hannah Warner & Desire Curtis all my land in the town of Chesterfield equally to them & their heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath to my two grand children Simeon & Canterbury Litchfield jun,† all my land, lying on Mann's hill so called, not here to fore disposed of, by this my last will & testament; also a piece of meadow joining said land which I bought of Benjamin

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\* Deacon Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, his nephew, son of his brother, Josiah.<sup>4</sup>

† Simeon and Canterbury, Jr., were sons of his son, Simeon.<sup>5</sup>

Briggs & widow Damon; also a piece of meadow, called the Snake meadow.

Item. I give to the said Simeon & Canterbury, six acres of field land lying on Farm Neck so called; also a piece of Salt marsh that I bought of Benjamin Pierce; my will also is, that in case either of the said grandchildren should decease before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, then the above bequeaths shall be enjoyed by the survivor; he & his heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my eight grandchildren Barnabas Litchfield, Molley Litchfield, Lydia Litchfield, Persis Litchfield, Free-love Litchfield, Lucy Litchfield, Isaac Litchfield & Hannah Litchfield\* or to those of them that shall live to the age of twenty one years; all my woodland lying near where Deacon† Litchfield's bark house, usually stood, not disposed of by this my last will & testament to them & their heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath to my said eight grandchildren, two pieces of Salt Marsh, that I own in partnership with Joseph Otis's heirs of Boston to them & their heirs & assigns.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Litchfield all the rest of my estate both real & personal of what nature or kind soever, which I may leave at my decease & which I have not disposed of by this my last will & testament, he paying all my just debts and charges.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint & constitute my son Stephen Litchfield to be the Executor of this my last Will & Testament written on four sides of a sheet of paper, the day & year abovementioned.

*Isaac Litchfield* 

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Isaac Litchfield, to be his last will & testament in presence of

Job Turner,  
Eleazer Peaks,  
Roland Litchfield.‡

On the First Parish Church records are found only the baptisms of the children of the *second wife* of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, and are as follows :

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\* The first six grandchildren named were children of his son, Barnabas<sup>5</sup>; the last two, of Isaac,<sup>5</sup> Jr.

† Israel,<sup>5</sup> son of Josiah<sup>4</sup> and Susanna (Morey) Litchfield.

‡ Roland Litchfield was the son of Thomas,<sup>4</sup> brother of Isaac.<sup>4</sup>

Abner Hersy Litchfield Son of Isaac Litchfld bapt<sup>t</sup> 22 Ap<sup>l</sup> 1759

Caleb Son of Isaac Litchfield baptis<sup>d</sup> 6 July 1760

Sela Daughter of Isaac Litchfield baptized upon the Faith of his Wife, 16 June 1765

Simeon, Son of Isaac Litchfield baptized upon its Mothers Faith 9 Nov. 1766

Canterbury Son of Isaac Litchfield bapt: on the Mothers &c 2 July 1769

Stephen Son of Isaac Litchfield sick bapt: privately 19 Aug. 1771

The births of the children of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, with the exception of Stephen,<sup>5</sup> are *not* found on the town records of Scituate, but they were all, probably, born there. The dates of birth, in the appended list, have been obtained from private family records or are judged to be approximately right, reckoning from the dates of baptism and marriage. The order is, therefore, only conjectural, but it is certain that the six children, baptised, as shown above, were of Isaac's second marriage. Probably the rest were of his first marriage, and are so considered and placed. Mary,<sup>5</sup> Hannah,<sup>5</sup> Desire,<sup>5</sup> Abner Hersey,<sup>5</sup> Caleb,<sup>5</sup> Simeon,<sup>5</sup> and Stephen<sup>5</sup> are mentioned in Isaac's will; also children of Isaac,<sup>5</sup> Jr., and Barnabas,<sup>5</sup> deceased.

Children of Isaac<sup>4</sup> Litchfield,

By *Lydia*:

80. i. BARNABAS,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1744; m. Lydia Partrick and Persis Peirce.
81. ii. ISAAC, Jr., b. abt. 1747; m. Hannah Damon, 1773.
82. iii. MARY, b. abt. 1749; m. Jonathan Peirce, 1773.
83. iv. HANNAH, b. abt. 1752; m. Elijah Warner, 1775.
84. v. DESIRE, b. abt. 1755; m. Beriah Curtis, 1783.

By *Hannah*:

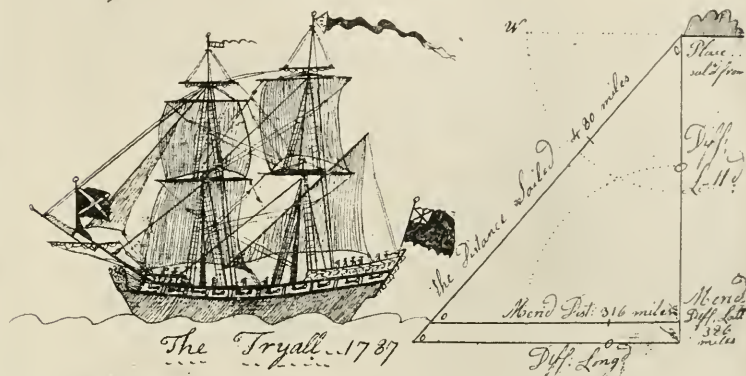
85. vi. ABNER HERSEY, b. abt. 1758; m. Polly Lincoln, 1780.
86. vii. CALEB, b. Scit., May 8, 1760; m. Betsey Dunbar, 1789.
- viii. CELIA ("Sela"), b. abt. 1765; bapt. June 16, 1765; prob. d. young.
87. ix. SIMEON, b. Scit., Aug. 30, 1766; m. Lucy Hatch and widow Sophronia (Vinal) Osborn.
88. x. CANTERBURY, b. abt. 1769; d. prob. unm.



# Mercators Sailing

Case Fifth: Is the Distance and Meridional Distance given To find the Course And Diff. Lat?

Example: A Sloop in Lat<sup>d</sup> 17:25 S and Long<sup>d</sup> 49:16 E! Sails away between the South and West Distance 420 miles Untill her Merid. Dist. Be 316 miles: I Demand What Course she Steered and the Lat<sup>d</sup> and Longitude She is Come Into



Lat<sup>d</sup> Saild from 17:25 S. .... 1061

Diff. Lat<sup>d</sup> 361 or 6:01 S

Lat<sup>d</sup> Come into 23:26 S. .... 1447

Merid. Diff. Lat<sup>d</sup> 386 miles

As the Dist. Saild	420	2:6:81241	} as Radius	90	70:000000
Is to Radius	90	10:000000		Is to Dist. Saild	420
So is Merid. Dist.	316	2:499627	} So is S. C. Course	420	2:609876678
So is Course	41:10	9:818446		To Diff. Lat <sup>d</sup>	361

As the Diff. Lat <sup>d</sup>	361	7:442012	} Long <sup>d</sup> Saild from 49:21 E.	Long <sup>d</sup> Come into	43:43 E.
Is to Merid. Dist.	316	2:499627		Diff. Long <sup>d</sup>	338
So is Merid. Diff. Lat <sup>d</sup>	386	2:536527	} Long <sup>d</sup> Come into	43:43 E.	
To the Diff. Long <sup>d</sup>	338	2:528226			

Answer { The Course is S 41:10 W. or S.W. B. S. 2 W!  
 The Lat<sup>d</sup> Come into 23:26 S.  
 The Long<sup>d</sup> Come into 43:43 E.





89. xi. STEPHEN, b. Scit., July 8, 1771; m. Rebecca Cudworth, Lucy Vinal and widow Keziah (Cudworth) Merritt.

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JOHN<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was, without doubt, born in Scituate, in 1720 or 1721. Baptized in Scituate, Sept. 24, 1721. Died in Brooklyn, Ct., Jan. 20, 1785, aged 64 years



[Endorsement on deed, 1761.]

From a study of the will (pp. 92-95) and the Windham County deeds (pp. 82-83) of Nicholas<sup>3</sup> Litchfield, we learn that John<sup>4</sup> and brother Israel,<sup>4</sup> came into possession of 480 acres of land in Canterbury, Ct., in 1750, which Nicholas<sup>3</sup> had obtained by deed, in 1703, from Maj. James Fitch of Plainfield, Ct. The tract, in 1703, was a square mile in area, but Nicholas<sup>3</sup> sold in 1706, one quarter of this tract to John Pierce, of which, in 1720, Jonathan Pierce (who had acquired the rights of John Pierce) took, by a division deed, the northern half, leaving Nicholas<sup>3</sup> with the southern part. This land was on "Tatnick" (variously spelled) hill. It is possible that Nicholas<sup>3</sup> possessed other small tracts in Canterbury. One of these is mentioned in a deed at the top of page 83.

Morse's Litchfield Genealogy says: "John removed to Ct., about 1743, and settled on Tatnock Hill, 1 mile (air line) southwest of Brooklyn Court House, then a part of Canterbury. . . . He seems to have been an able and respected farmer and citizen." Also, "Israel, settled near his brother John, on Tatnock mountain in Brooklyn, Ct., on an extensive farm, from which may be had one of the most extensive and beautiful prospects in New England." Morse is correct except in the matter of the date, "1743." From a study of the deeds of John<sup>4</sup> and Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, we learn that neither of these brothers "settled" on the Connecticut property until 1750, probably soon after the probate of their father's will. They were there in October, 1750, as citizens. It is highly probable that John<sup>4</sup> preceded his brother, Israel,<sup>4</sup> by a few weeks. John<sup>4</sup> had bought land there in January, 1749-50.

James<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (*Daniel*,<sup>5</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *etc.*), who died in Detroit, Mich., in 1898, wrote a short though imperfect sketch\* of the Descendants of Lawrence Litchfield, and in it he devoted considerable space to John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and his family. The following abstract is given place here, not because of the historical, but for the traditional value of the narration :

John and Israel Litchfield, sons of Nicholas, on or about the year 1743, neither of them being then married, thought to leave their native place and make for themselves a new home in the colony of Connecticut. *According to tradition*† they left the home of their fathers on horseback to seek one at some point in Eastern Connecticut. The roads they took led them through a country not much settled; no bridges over the streams; the roads were mere trails through an almost unbroken wilderness. After many days of trial and privation they found themselves on the east bank of the Quinebaug River, in Eastern Conn., at a point where the city [*sic*] of Danielsonville [*Danielson*] now is. Here they made a halt and found but few settlers in all the region round about. Here too they found a tribe of Indians whose home was along the valley of the Quinebaug River, a tribe who yet claimed ownership to large tracts of land at the west from the river. Here the two brothers exchanged their two horses which they had brought from Scituate for a large tract of land at the west of that place in the centre of which is a high hill which was then known, and has ever since been known, by the name of Tatnuck Hill, deriving its name, it is said, from an Indian chief, who now at this date made his headquarters here for himself and tribe. *This part of the story is legend, not history.*

About two miles west of the Quinebaug where the brothers made their first stopping place there had been a settlement removed, and a building started by pioneers who had preceded them. This settlement was known at that time as the Mort Lake settlement, named after a place in England from which some of the settlers came. To the south-west of this settlement was that high hill known as Tatnuck Hill, about two miles distant. It was on the top of this hill that the brothers made their future home; here they built for themselves each a house from the chestnut trees they found there. In process of time

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\* Kindly loaned to the compiler, a few years ago, by Edwin C.<sup>7</sup> Litchfield (son of James<sup>6</sup>) of Flint, Mich., in whose possession the unprinted MS. now is.

† The italicizing in this story is that of the compiler.

the settlement then known as Mort Lake\* was changed to the name of Brooklyn, and is now known by that name, which for many years has been the county seat of Windham County. On the north-westerly part of this hill, Israel built his first house;† while on the east side of the same hill is where John built his house, — which was of chestnut logs, with only one room about 16 feet square; the same is still in existence but it has of late years been so built around with new additions that the old one is not now visible.‡

John Baker (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Nicholas*<sup>1</sup>), an own cousin of Nicholas<sup>3</sup> Litchfield, married Anna Annable (*Samuel*,<sup>2</sup> *Anthony*<sup>1</sup>), and lived in Windham County, Ct. It was, perhaps, through his persuasions or representations, that Nicholas<sup>3</sup> got interested in Connecticut lands and became a landholder there.

This part of Connecticut was sparsely settled until 1726, when Windham County was incorporated. Of the towns composing it, Pomfret was named in 1713 (incorporation uncertain), Plainfield was incorporated in 1699, Woodstock, in 1690 (by Massachusetts), Canterbury (taken from Plainfield), in Oct., 1703, Brooklyn (taken from Pomfret and Canterbury), in May, 1786; Hampton (taken from Windham, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Canterbury and Mansfield), in 1786. It was not until about the time of the settlement of John<sup>4</sup> and Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield in Canterbury, in that part now called Brooklyn, that the region became populous and important.

\*See Trumbull's Hist. Conn., vol. ii: p. 90, footnote. Capt. John Blackwell, one of the owners of this land, is supposed to have named it for Mortlake, in Surrey, England.

† This house was still standing in June, 1898, when it was visited by the compiler, in company with a great-great-great-grandson of Israel,<sup>4</sup> viz., Edward Hubert<sup>9</sup> Litchfield of Brooklyn, N. Y.; the latter procured a very good picture of the house with a small camera. Of course the house has been modernized, but it is still a good example of xviii century N. E. architecture. It is not owned now by any descendants of Israel.<sup>4</sup> It was occupied by Justin Chase in 1901 and is a part of the estate of Edward Button of Brooklyn, Ct.

‡ Mr. Litchfield is wrong in his last statement, for in June, 1898, when the compiler with others visited Tatnuck Hill and was taken through this old house, the old framework of the house was clearly visible in many places; the beams running through the middle of the ceiling are certainly the ones which were originally hewed from the chestnut trees, by John<sup>4</sup> or those who helped him. The house has been modernized in many particulars, but is still occupied by Litchfields, viz., Frank<sup>7</sup> and Alice<sup>7</sup> Litchfield (great-grand-children of John<sup>4</sup>) and their widowed mother.

Miss Ellen D. Larned,\* in her *History of Windham County*, vol. ii: page 3, says: "Brooklyn society was increasing in strength and numbers. Ebenezer Witter of Preston, *John and Israel Litchfield*, James and Thomas Eldredge, William and Nehemiah Prince, *Stephen Baker*, Rufus Herrick and *Andrew Lester* had become its residents. The original settlers were represented by many thriving families. A remodeling of school districts, in 1762, shows the distribution of inhabitants." There were seven of these districts. District No. 6 contained the following: "*John Litchfield, Israel Litchfield*, Darius Cady, James Darbe, Sr., and Jr., Samuel and Eleazer Darbe, Nathan Kimball, Benjamin Shepard, Nehemiah Cady, Caleb Spalding, Daniel, Nahum, John, Henry and Benjamin Cady." On page 250: In a "true list of the Polls and Ratable Estates of the Town of Brooklyn for August the 20th, A. D. 1788," appear the names of Eleazer, John, Israel, and Uriah Litchfield. On page 252: "Daniel Tyler, Jun., the Williamses, Scarboroughs, *Litchfields*, and other leading families, had fine farms under good cultivation."

On the Canterbury Town Records, John Lichfield is mentioned, Dec. 2, 1771, and Dec. 6, 1773, as highway surveyor in several districts. In volume xi of these records, his "ear mark" is described as "one half penny under right ear and a hollow crop."

The following deeds of John<sup>4</sup> and Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (see also deeds of Family No. 37) are recorded in the Land Records of the town of Canterbury, Ct., where they may be found at the Town Clerk's.

Oct. 22, 1750. John L. of Canterbury, and Israel L., late of Scituate, now of Canterbury, for £200, sell to Daniel Tyler of Canterbury, 20 A. land on east side of "Tatnack Hill" in Canterbury. Witnesses: Uriah Cady and William Prince. [Vol. v: p. 399.]

Dec. 26, 1750. John L. of Canterbury, for £50, to Israel L. of Canterbury, one half the tract of land described below in deed, dated Jan. 9, 1749-50. [Vol. v: p. 408.]

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\* See the chapter headed "Windham County and Providence [R. I.]" in her book, "Historic Gleanings in Windham County, Connecticut" (1899).



A general view of the John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield homestead, Brooklyn, Ct., 1902.



The older part of the John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield house, Brooklyn, Ct.

A group of Litchfields, viz., (from left to right), Miss Alice<sup>7</sup> Litchfield, Mrs. Francis<sup>6</sup> Litchfield, Frank<sup>7</sup> Litchfield, E. Hubert<sup>9</sup> Litchfield, Mrs. Sara<sup>7</sup> (Litchfield) Case, Mrs. Caroline<sup>7</sup> (Litchfield) Soule, and Mrs. Fred<sup>8</sup> Litchfield.

(See footnote, page 179.)





Jan. 2, 1750-1. John and Israel L., both of Canterbury, exchange land in Canterbury, consisting of two tracts of  $33\frac{1}{2}$  A. [Vol. v: p. 430.] See deed of same date, below.

Oct. 25, 1751. John Litchfeild, Canterbury, yeoman, for £160, to Daniel Tyler, Canterbury,  $7\frac{3}{4}$  A. 16 rds., land in Canterbury, on east side of "Tadnack Hill," "which is y<sup>e</sup> Northwest Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Land I and Israel Litchfield Sold to S<sup>d</sup> Tyler." Witnesses: Leonard Cady and Seth Paine. Ack. Oct. 25th. Rec. Feb. 11, 1751-2. [Vol. vi; pp. 4, 5.]

Oct. 26, 1751. John and Israel Litchfield, both of Canterbury, for £110, to Nathan "Kimbal," Canterbury, 11 A. land in Canterbury, near land of Daniel Tyler. Witnesses: Daniel Tyler and Seth Paine. Ack. same day. Rec. Sept. 6, 1754. [Vol. vi: p. 139.]

Oct. 28, 1751. John and Israel Litchfeild, both of Canterbury, for £100, to Leonard Cady of Pomfret, about 16 A. land in Canterbury. Abutters: Nathan "Kymbal" ("Kimbal") and Henry "Huit." Witnesses: Daniel Tyler and Seth Paine. Ack. same day. Rec. Jan. 21, 1754. [Vol. vi: p. 102.]

Mch. 27, 1752-3. John Litchfeild, Canterbury, for £30, to Israel Litchfeild, Canterbury, 1 A. 95 rds. land in Canterbury, near grantor's land. Witnesses: John Sprague, Jr., and Seth Pain, Jr. Ack. same day. Rec. Dec. 24, 1753. [Vol. vi: p. 98.]

Feb. 11, 1757. John and Israel Litchfeild, both of Canterbury, for 5 sh., to James Darbe, Canterbury, some land (quantity not given) east from Darbe's house and abutted by land of grantors and James Darbe, Jr. Witnesses: Daniel Tyler and William Davison. Ack. May 1, 1758. Rec. May 18, 1758. [Vol. vi: p. 294.]

Feb. 28, 1771. John Litchfield, Canterbury, for a well-executed deed of grantee, to William Cushman, Canterbury, two tracts of land in Canterbury, "being half of the Lands Samuel Darbe late of s<sup>d</sup> Canterbury Died Siezed of"; *one tract* of 26 A. near land of Thomas Williams, Esq., one bounding line crossing the middle of a well; the *other tract* of 7 A. 71 "perch," near first tract, with privileges of crossing from one to the other. Witnesses: Joseph Holland and Elihu Palmer. Ack. Sept. 8, 1772. Rec. same day. [Vol. ix: p. 28.]

Feb. 28, 1771. William Cushman, as above, for same, conveyed to John L., 31 A. 71 "perch" land in Canterbury, part of the estate of Samuel Darbe. Witnesses, as above. Ack. and rec. as above. [Vol. ix: p. 29.]

The five following deeds are in possession of Frank<sup>7</sup> Litchfield, Brooklyn, Ct., and are recorded at Canterbury like the foregoing.

Jan. 11, 1749-50. Daniel Tyler, of Canterbury, Ct., "husband-man," for £100, to John Litchfield of *Scituate*, 33 A. land, beginning at the north-east corner "of a tract of land Mr. Nicholas Litchfield bought of Major James Fitch of Plainfield Deceased;" other abutters named: "a tract of Land formerly Claimed by Howland now reputed to be Ezra Days"; and land of "Mr. Huit." Witnesses: John Parkhurst and Seth Paine, Jr. Ack. same day. Rec. same day, at Canterbury. [Vol. v: pp. 327-8.] This deed is in quite a dilapidated condition. Compare deed, above, dated Dec. 26, 1750.

Jan. 2, 1750-51. Israel Lichfield to John L. — both of Canterbury, "for and in Consideration of two other Tracts of Land Conveyed and Confirmed to me by John Litchfield of s<sup>d</sup> Canterbury Equivalent and Adjoyning to the after mentioned tract of Land," — 80 A. land in Canterbury. Abutters: Ebenezer Spaulding, Ezra Cady, Nathan Kymbal and Daniel Tyler. "Excepting I do hereby reserve a Cart road where there is now a bridle road South Easterly to s<sup>d</sup> John Litchfields house and from that Easterly to my own land." Witnesses: Seth Paine and Daniel Tyler. Ack. Mch. 2, 1750-1. Rec. Mch. 23, 1753, at Canterbury. [Vol. vi: p. 60.] Endorsed (but crossed out as extraneous): "Susanna — Canterbury — (*illegible word*) — Born Decem<sup>b</sup> 9th 1750 — Lucy."

Mch. 27, 1753. Israel Lichfield to John L., both of Canterbury, for £30, 1 A. 95 rds. land in Canterbury, near land formerly deeded by John to Israel. Witnesses: John Sprague, Jr., and Seth Paine, Jr. Ack. same day. Rec. April 30, 1753, at Canterbury. [Vol. vi: p. 67.]

Dec. 20, 1753. Israel Litchfield to John Litchfield, both of Canterbury, for £75, 2½ A. land in Canterbury, "beginning at the North-west Corner of my Land that Lyeth Easterly of s<sup>d</sup> John Litchfields now Dwelling house," etc., bounded all around by grantee's land. Witnesses: Seth Paine, Jr., and Solomon Prince. Ack. same day. Rec. Dec. 24, 1753, at Canterbury town clerk's. [Vol. vi: pp. 98, 99.]

Oct. 20, 1761. Israel Litchfield to John Litchfield, both of Canterbury. Division deed of 226 A. land in Canterbury. Israel's portion (113 A.) partly bounded by the "west End of the Land Nicholas Litchfield bought of Major James Fitch." (See page 82). Witnesses: Asa Pike and Seth Paine, Jr. Ack. by Israel,<sup>4</sup> Oct. 22, 1761.

Rec. April 11, 1763, at Canterbury town clerk's office. [Vol. vii: p. 95.] This deed has the endorsement — "John Litchfield."

John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was married in Canterbury (now Brooklyn?), Ct., July 17, 1750, by Rev. Ephraim Avery\* to Lucy Cady (birth not ascertained), daughter of Capt. John and Mary (Fuller) Cady.† She died in Brooklyn, Ct., Nov. 8, 1803, aged 74 years, and is buried with her husband and daughter, Lucy,<sup>5</sup> in the South Cemetery, Brooklyn. John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield died in Brooklyn, Ct., Jan. 20, 1785, aged 64 years,‡ which would make him born in or about 1721.

John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield died intestate. From Vol. viii of the Plainfield, Ct., Probate records,§ it is learned that administration on his estate was granted, Mch. 1, 1785, to his widow, Lucy, and to his son, Eleazer.<sup>5</sup>

#### INVENTORY || OF ESTATE OF JOHN<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD.

An Inventory of the estate of Mr. John Litchfield, late of Canterbury Dec'd, as appraised by us the subscribers, under oath, this 15th, day of February 1785.

	Lb.	s.	d.
The home lot of 80 acres <i>a</i> Lb. 4 pr. acre . . .	320—	0—	0—
the Darby lot 31 ½ acres <i>a</i> Lb. 2. 15 pr. acre . . .	86—	12—	4—
the Woods lot 113 acres <i>a</i> Lb. 1 s. 10 pr. acre . . .	169—	10—	0—
the Brown oxen Lb. 13.10 s Red 5 year old Cow Lb. 4	17—	10—	
the Black and white farrow Cow Lb. 3 . . . . .	3—	—	—
the two year old steers Lb. 2— Eight sheep Lb. 3. 4 . . .	5—	4—	
the old Mare Lb. 6— the colt Lb. 2— 10 . . . . .	8—	10—	
the two red 6 year old Cows Lb. 4 s. 0 Each . . . . .	8—	—	—
the Black Cow Lb. 3— 10 . . . . .	3—	10—	
two red 3 year old Heifers <i>a</i> Lb. 2— 15 each. . . . .	5—	10—	
the white back'd 3 year old Heifer Lb. 2— 10 . . . . .	2—	10—	
two 2 year old Heifers <i>a</i> Lb. 1— s. 18 pr. head . . . . .	3—	16—	
the two year old Bull Lb. 1— 15 . . . . .	1—	15—	
six swine <i>a</i> Lb. 4— 10 . . . . .	4—	10—	
the whole of the Hay Lb. 14— 5 . . . . .	14—	5—	
Twelve Bushels of Wheat Lb. 3 s. 12 . . . . .	3—	12—	
45 Bushels of Indian corn <i>a</i> 2/9 pr. Bushel . . . . .	6—	3—	9—

\* From Canterbury Town and Church records.

† For data of this family and of many of the descendants of John<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, the compiler is indebted to Miss Alice<sup>7</sup> Litchfield of Brooklyn, Ct., and especially to Mrs. Julia Griggs<sup>7</sup> (Litchfield) Hills of Hartford, Ct.

‡ Family record in possession of Miss Alice<sup>7</sup> Litchfield, Brooklyn, Ct.

§ Recorded on pp. 76, 82, 111, 190, 208. These Plainfield Probate records are in the care of the Town Clerk, who lives at Central Village, Ct.

|| Plainfield, Ct., Probate Rec., vol. viii: p. 76.

11 Bushels of Rye a 3/6 pr. Bushel . . . . .	1 — 18 — 6
9 Bushels of Oats a 1/8 pr. Bushel . . . . .	15
1 1/2 Bushels of grey Beans a 4/6 — 3 pecks of white do. s. 3/	7 — 6
the cart Lb. 4. 10 the great Plow Lb. 1 small do. — 4/ . . . . .	5 — 14
the 2 large chains 8/ each, the next 7/ small do. 5/ . . . . .	1 — 8
the large yoke and Irons 5/ small do. 2/ . . . . .	7 —
the sled 10/ Clevy and pin 2/ . . . . .	12 —
Long pitch-fork 2/ 2 small do. 1/6 each, dung-fork 1/6 . . . . .	6 — 6
3 Rakes 1/ each Best cythe 4/ two augers 2/ . . . . .	9 —
Broad hoe 3/ shave 1/ best narrow axe 7/ . . . . .	11 —
2 old axes 3/ cythe tacklinge 4/ three old cythes 2/ . . . . .	9 —
Iron Bars 12/ hammer 1/ nippers 1/ Hand saw 3/ . . . . .	17
Horse Tackling 10/ grind stone 20/ . . . . .	1 — 10
Flax in the straw 15/ eleven Lb. of dried flax 7/4. . . . .	1 — 2 — 4
Saddle 12/ Bridle 4/ the gun 5/ . . . . .	1 — 1 —
The great coat 20/ the Blue straight coat 20/ . . . . .	2 —
The old great coat 3/ Black worsted coat 20/ . . . . .	1 — 3 —
do. jacket 6/ Brown do. 8/ velvet breeches 7/ . . . . .	1 — 1 —
Brown drugged Breeches 7/ white linnen do. 4/ . . . . .	11 —
2 pr. Tow Breeches 3/ Light Brown do. 2/ . . . . .	5 —
strip'd kersey jacket 3/ old strait Bodied coat 6/ . . . . .	9 —
Check'd trowsers 5/ seam'd stockings 5/ mix'd 3/ . . . . .	13 —
Deeper blue mix'd 2/ Linnen do. 2/ . . . . .	4 —
Old Beaver Hat 10/ Felt hat 7/ 7 1/2 yds. Tow cloth 9/4 . . . . .	1 — 6 — 4
2 Tow shirts 9/4 Holland do. 10/ check'd Handch'f 1/ . . . . .	1 — 0 — 4
7 caps 3/ shoes 5/ old do. 2/ . . . . .	10 —
Brass Kettle 6/ spider 3/ great ironpot 3/ . . . . .	12 —
Little-iron do. 5/ skillet 2/ Iron Bason 3/ . . . . .	10
Dish Kettle 2/ Tea do. 5/ Flat-iron 2/6 . . . . .	9 — 6
Warming pan 4/ great-iron kettle 12/ shov'l and tongs 4/ . . . . .	1
2 trammels 10/ sheep shears 1/ Hand-irons 8/ . . . . .	19 —
2 Pewter-platters 3/ 97 Lb. old pewter 7/1 . . . . .	10 — 1
6 plates 6/ 3 pint basons 1/6 breakfast bowl 1/6 . . . . .	8 —
2 quart cups 4/ 9 spoons 1/4 two large platters 6/ . . . . .	11 — 4
Cedar tub 4/ Oak bottom'd do. 2/6 Bread do. 2/ . . . . .	8 — 2
3 pails 6/6 Runlet 1/6 Basket 3/ do. 1/6 do. 1/ . . . . .	13 — 6
Churn 1/ large dry cask 1/ small do. 1/6 milk 7/ . . . . .	10 — 6
12 Bush. salt 9/ mortar 1/6 Half Bushel 1/6 . . . . .	12 —
Great chairs 3/ 8 old chairs 12/ Cloth reel 4/6 . . . . .	19 — 6
Old woolen wheel 2/ linnen do. 16/ Quill do. 3/ . . . . .	1 — 1 —
Loom 24/ 1 old sleys 6/ temples 1/6 . . . . .	1 — 11 —
Chamber chest 15/ Round Table 9/ large chest 13/ . . . . .	1 — 17 —
small chest 9/ square table 6/ . . . . .	15 —
Barrel of pork 84/ 50 Lb. Beef 12/ . . . . .	4 — 16 —
4 Barrels of cyder 16/ two 2 Barrel casks 8/ . . . . .	1 — 4 —
3 old cyder Barrels 6/ Funel 1/ Fan 1/ . . . . .	8 —
15 Lb. Butter 12/6 Butter tub 1/6, 84 Lb. cheese 35/ . . . . .	2 — 9 —
14 Bushels potatoes 14/ sole Leather 9/ . . . . .	1 — 3 —
Knives and forks 2/ staple and ring 2/ . . . . .	4 —
Horse Break 2/ 5 more cyder Barrels 10/ . . . . .	12 —

Cow hide 10/ year old hide 4/ Looking glass 6/ . . .	1 — 0 — 0
15 Sheets 56/4 three Table cloths 8/6 . . . . .	3 — 4 — 10
11 pillow cases 14/4 south room Bed and furniture 61/4	3 — 15 — 8
North Room Bed and furniture 62/ . . . . .	3 — 2 —
North chamber Bed 29/ south do. 25/ . . . . .	2 — 14 —
1 Tub 7/ . . . . .	7 —
A Note against Walter Bowman Lb. 4. 14. 2. . . .	4 — 14 — 2

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Lb. 733 — 11 — 4

NATHAN WITTER

STEPHEN HAID (?)

PETER DAVISON

The original Inventory accepted March 1st. A. D. 1785 and here truly recorded.

Test ANTHONY BRADFORD Clerk Probate.

On Feb. 7, 1786, the administrators reported the debts and costs of administration to be £140: 8s.: 10d., which deducted from the personal estate left a balance of £17 to be divided, of which, on Apr. 8th, widow Lucy received one-third, —£5: 13s.: 4d. She also received one-third of the real estate. The remaining two-thirds of all the property was divided between the nine children\* by the distributors, Daniel Frost, Stephen Butt, and Joseph Davison, whose action was accepted by the court, May 2, 1786. On this date, too, Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, then twelve years old, selected his brother, John,<sup>5</sup> for his guardian.

On the records of the Congregational Church, Brooklyn, Ct., are found the marriage and joining to the church of John<sup>4</sup> and his wife, the former occurring July 17, 1750, and the latter, Aug. 26, 1753. All their children (except John,<sup>5</sup> Jr., and Lucy,<sup>5</sup> —at least, not recorded) were baptized as follows: Susannah,<sup>5</sup> Aug. 26, 1753; Sarah,<sup>5</sup> Mch. 17, 1754; Anna,<sup>5</sup> in 1755 (date indistinct); Eleazer,<sup>5</sup> Oct. 23, 1757; Bridget,<sup>5</sup> July 24, 1763; Uriah,<sup>5</sup> Aug. 3, 1766; and Daniel,<sup>5</sup> Sept. 19, 1773.

Children of John<sup>4</sup> and Lucy (Cady) Litchfield, all born and recorded at Canterbury, Ct.:

90. i. SUSANNAH,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 9, 1750; m. William Fasset, 1791.
91. ii. SARAH, b. Nov. 9, 1753; m. Alpheus Brown, 1777.

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\* See deeds of John<sup>5</sup> and Uriah<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

92. iii. ANNE ("ANNA"), b. Apr. 15, 1755; m. Walter Bowman, 1775.
93. iv. ELEAZER ("ELEAZAR"), b. Aug. 26, 1757; m. Keziah Witter, 1782.
94. v. JOHN, Jr., b. Feb. 18, 1760; m. Sarah Butts, 1800.
95. vi. BRIDGET, b. July 13, 1763; m. Daniel Cook, before 1791.
96. vii. URIAH, b. May 10, 1766; m. Sarah ("Sally") Witter, 1788.
97. viii. LUCY, b. Jan. 3, 1769; d. unm., Dec. 8, 1791.
98. ix. DANIEL, b. Sept. 16, 1773; m. Olive Pierce, 1796.

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THOMAS<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate (probably), the last of December, 1722, or the first of January, 1722-23. Died in Scituate, Mch. 5, 1803, aged eighty years and two months.\* Baptized, July 14, 1723. Resided, Scituate (Egypt).

He was an active man in the town and church affairs of Scituate. He attended and held pews in the First church (see baptisms and will). On Mch. 3, 1761, he was elected a "precinct assessor." On May 25, 1761, Dea. Thomas Peirce, Dea. Jonathan Merritt, Ensign Otis, Joseph Bailey and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield were appointed a Committee to treat with Rev. Shearjashub Bourne regarding his resignation as pastor (Mr. Bourne was dismissed Aug. 6, 1761). At a legal meeting of the First Precinct in Scituate, Mch. 21, 1763, Gideon Vinall, Joseph Otis and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield were chosen assessors, with a salary of sixteen shillings apiece, — not a very "fat" office to hold.

From 1765 to 1776, he served almost continually as constable, a very important office in those days, and again in 1782, 1783, 1784. In 1781, 1782, 1784, 1791-2, he was collector of taxes. In 1783, 1787, 1793, highway surveyor. In 1783, he was paid £4: 19s., for building "North Pound," in 1764.

Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was undoubtedly a Revolutionary soldier, but no record of his services is found in Massachusetts State

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\* From his gravestone, also a family record belonging to Miss Hattie Curtis, Egypt, Mass., and one in possession of Horace D.<sup>8</sup> Litchfield, Cambridgeport, Mass. The Scituate town clerk's record is: "*Feb. 7, 1803*," which is an error.



Archives. It is a family belief. Moreover, Hurd's Hist. of Plymouth County, p. 417, says: "On the expedition to Bristol, R. I., Mch. 1777, the company of Capt. Hayward Peirce was called out of Col. John Cushing's regiment, and served about fifteen days." On the pay-roll (as given by Hurd) for this service, appear the names of forty-one Scituate men and among them, *Thomas Litchfield*.\* There was no other Thomas Litchfield of Scituate at that time. At Scituate Town meeting, Nov. 21, 1777, it was "Voted to Chuse a Committee of five viz Tho<sup>s</sup> Litchfield Eli Curtis Hawke Cushing Joseph Benson & Elisha Foster in order for Supplying the families of y<sup>e</sup> Continantal Soldiers agreeable to a Late act of the General Court for that purpose." The name of Seth Merritt was added, but on Dec. 8th, both he and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield resigned.

Thomas<sup>4</sup> married in Scituate (town and family records), Apr. 11, 1751 (int. Jan 26, 1750-1), Lydia Cole, born in Scituate, Sept. 20, 1733, bapt. May 5, 1734, eldest child of David† and Sarah (Balch) Cole. She died in Scituate, Feb. 17, 1814, aged

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\* An examination of the town records shows that the name of Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield does not appear in them from 1778 to 1781, which might be evidence of his being away in the Revolutionary war.

† David Cole was a blacksmith of Scituate. His will, dated, May 3, 1760, was probated the same month (Plym. Prob. Rec.). The legatees were: Wife, Sarah; sons, William and David, Jr., who were executors; dau. Elizabeth; dau. Abigail; and dau. "Lidea" Litchfield, to whom he gave £6.

David Cole and Sarah Balch (sister of Lydia, who m. *Israel<sup>4</sup> Cowing*, Family No. 15), were m. Scit., Dec. 7, 1732. Their ch. (Scit. Town Rec.): *Lydia* (see above); William, b. Nov. 28, 1735, prob. m. 1764, Rachel Buck; David, Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1737; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1739, prob. m. 1761, Elisha Lapham; and Abigail, b. Mch. 9, 1743. William was bapt. Apr. 25, 1736; David, bapt. Oct. 23, 1737; Elizabeth, bapt. Feb. 10, 1739-40; and *Lydia*, May 5, 1734 (as above). (First Church Rec.)

Ambrose Cole was the father of David Cole, Sr. Deane's Scituate, pp. 238-9, says: "Ambrose Cole purchased lands of Capt. Stephen Otis, in the Conihassett, 1695. His house stood on the Cohasset road, forty rods southeast of Bound brook bridge, on the northeast of the way." This was near Gannett's Corner, North Scituate. There were numerous early New England immigrants by the name of Cole, and there were in Scituate earlier Coles than Ambrose, but to what family he belonged, has not been ascertained by the compiler. He was married twice. By first wife, Silence —, he had, b. Scit.: William, Sept. 1, 1693; Ambrose, Jr., Feb. 1, 1695-6, m. 1721, Elizabeth Lincoln, d. Sept. 14, 1724, aet. 21 y.; "Ensing," Nov. 2, 1698, m. Sarah Peaks, Nov. 7, 1726; Ann, Dec. 9, 1701; *David*, Oct. 16, 1704 (see above); Jonathan, Aug. 20, 1709, m. Sarah Vinal, Jan. 8, 1732 (1st Ch. Rec.) On Dec. 1, 1715, Ambrose, Sr., m. Abigail Sutton. Their ch. was James, b. Sept. 2, 1716, who m. 1745, Sarah White. James had a son, Charles, b. 1759, m. Esther Clapp, served in Revolution, whose dau. Mary, b. 1801, m. 1828, *Alfred<sup>6</sup> Litchfield* (grandson of Josiah,<sup>4</sup> Family No. 28).

eighty years and four months. They are both buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, where there are gravestones. A bronze marker of the Sons of the American Revolution is placed at his grave. Scituate Town record: Died, "1814, Widow Lydia Litchfield." Her will, dated Jan. 24, 1805, probated Mch. 7, 1814 (Plym. Prob. Rec.), Charles Curtis (son-in-law), executor, left wearing apparel to her six daus. viz., Elizabeth, Lydia, Ruth, Mable, Salle, and Abigail, and to her four sons, viz., Paul, Ward, Rowland, and David, *Twenty-five cents apiece*.

#### PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.\*

March 5, 1762. Division deed between Thomas Litchfield and Thomas Curtis, both of Scituate. Premises: 14 acres in Scituate on east side of highway from Capt. Henry Merritt's to David Little's. Witnesses: Joseph Vinal, Atwood Mott. Ack. May 17th. Rec. July 7th. [Vol. xlvii: p. 244.]

Sept. 21, 1765. Elisha Pierce, Scituate, to Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, for £29: 11s., 4 A. 30 rds. meadow land near Hallet's Island in Scituate. Witnesses: Thomas Clapp, Jonathan Cole. Ack. Sept. 24th. Rec. Oct. 1st. [Vol. l: p. 151.]

Aug. 21, 1766. Mary Cudworth, widow and execx. of will (1764) of Israel Cudworth, to Thomas Litchfield, for £9: 12s.: 8d., 3 A. land near Mt. Hope, in Scituate. [Vol. lii: p. 241.]

July 31, 1771. David Little, Jr., guardian of Thomas Clap, *non compos mentis* (Esther Clap, his wife, released dower), to Thomas Litchfield and James Merritt, both of Scituate, the "20 acre pasture," so called, in Scituate. Witnesses: Lucy Cushing, Abigail Cushing. Ack. same day. Rec. Oct. 1, 1771. [Vol. lvi: p. 120.]

April 4, 1772. Benjamin Bailey, Scituate, to Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, for £66: 14s.: 4d., 19 A. 16 rds. in Scituate, "being my interest in 95 acres, 80 rods lying in common with Eleazer, Ruth and Thomas Litchfield and Mary Bailey." Also all his right in the "Town cedar swamp." Ack. Apr. 6th. Rec. Oct. 7th. [Vol. lvii: p. 10.]

Jan. 28, 1782. Joseph Vinal, Scituate, to Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, for £14, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  A. land in Scituate, on the highway from Job Vinal's to said Litchfield's. Witnesses: Ignatius Vinal, Israel Vinal, Jr. Ack. same day. Rec. Jan. 30th. [Vol. lvi: p. 23.]

\* See, also, deeds of Families Nos. 28, 32, 34, 38 and 39; also, deed, page 82.





Peirce Memorial Library, North Scituate, Mass.

(See page 104.)



Bound Brook, No. Scituate, Mass., with North Main street Bridge. Boundary (until their union) between the Colonies of Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay.

June 24, 1783. Zephaniah, Israel, Abigail and Rachel Cudworth and Benjamin Holmes and Kezia, his wife, all of Scituate, heirs of James Cudworth (Family No. 40), to Thomas Litchfield and Calvin Jenkins of Scituate, for £37: 16s.: 6d.: 2f., 4½ A. 30 rds. salt marsh at Briggs' harbor, Scituate. Elizabeth, wife of Zephaniah, releases dower. Witnesses: Joseph Otis, Benj. Clapp. Ack. same day. Rec. Oct. 7th. [Vol. lxiii: p. 9.]

Feb. 4, 1789. Ephraim Litchfield (Family No. 74), Scituate, to Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, for £4: 10s., ¾ A. land in Scituate, joining land of grantee. Witnesses: Rowland<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, David<sup>s</sup> Litchfield. Ack. May 28, 1790. Rec. Apr. 19, 1791. [Vol. lxx: p. 267.]

May 27, 1793. Charles Otis and Sarah, his wife, of Scituate, to Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, for £9: 5s., 1¼ A. 4 rds. orchard land in Scituate, inherited by said Sarah from her father, Joseph Tilden. Witnesses: Wm. Turner, Ephraim Otis. Ack. same day. Rec. May 29th. [Vol. lxxiv: p. 162.]

April 1, 1796. William Vinal, Jr., Scituate (wife, Mary or Polly, released dower), to Thomas and Ward<sup>s</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 101), both of Scituate, for \$320, 12 A. upland near "fishing pond" in Scituate. Witnesses: Hayward Peirce, Eunis Vinal. Ack. June 30th. Rec. Nov. 17th. [Vol. lxxxi: p. 11.]

April 25, 1796. Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, to Calvin Jenkins, his son-in-law, Scituate, for \$185.64 and 6 mills, one half of 15 A., 146 rds. pasture land in Scituate, held in common with heirs of James Merritt. Ack. same day. Rec. Apr. 15, 1801. [Vol. xc: p. 108.]

April 19, 1798. Thomas Litchfield, Scituate, to John Tilden, Scituate, for \$66.66 and 7 mills, 1¼ A., 4 rds. orchard land in Scituate. Witnesses: Roland<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, David<sup>s</sup> Litchfield. Ack. same day. Rec. June 18th. [Vol. lxxxiv: p. 225.]

#### WILL\* OF THOMAS<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD.

**In the Name of God Amen.** I Thomas Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, being of sound mind and memory, after committing my soul to the author of my existence, and my body to decent burial, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, this fourth day of May Anno Domini 1802, in manner following, viz.,

Imp<sup>rs</sup>. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Lydia, the improvement of my westerly front room; and Easterly front chamber,

\* Dated, May 4, 1802; probated, Mch. 26, 1803. Rec. at Plymouth County Registry.



kitchen and bedroom, with a privilege in the cellar, oven to the well &c, as may be convenient for her to live comfortably in the house, so long as she remains my widow. I give to my wife Lydia the improvement of all my indoor moveables meaning my household stuff, or the furniture of the house of every kind which it may contain at my decease so long as she remains my widow. I give to my wife Lydia the use and improvement of one half of all my field, pasture and meadow lands, so long as she remains my widow. I give to my wife Lydia three cows and ten sheep as her own property. Also my clock ; my will also is that my two sons Ward and Roland find her a sufficiency of Wood brought to her door and fitted for the fire ; so long as she remains my widow.

Item. As I have been at very considerable expense in educating my son Paul in giving him a liberal education and must consider that as the principal part of his portion in order to do justice to my other children ; my will is to bequeath to him only ten dollars, to be paid him by my three sons Ward, Roland, and David, in one year after my wife's decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons Ward, Roland and David, all my wearing apparel, to be divided between them equally immediately after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Roland, my Dwelling House in which I now live, with such reservations as I have made, and such as I shall make in this my last will and testament respecting the same, to him his heirs and assigns.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son David, fifty five acres of land, lying in the Wood, being part of the Tilden place so called ; the Eastwardly part of said land including a barn which now stands thereon, to him his heirs and assigns.

Item. I give to my son David the one half of a field which lyeth on farm neck so called ; also a piece of Cedar Swamp formerly belonging to the Tilden place, to him his heirs and assigns.

Item. I give to my son son David a piece of Salt Marsh near Horse Island so called, and a piece of salt marsh adjoining Hoopole Neck so called, known by the name of the Cowing Meadow ; to him his heirs and assigns.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Jenkins, fifty dollars to be paid her by my three sons Ward, Roland and David in one year after my wife's decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mabel Jacobs, fifty dollars, to be paid her by my three sons Ward, Roland and David in one year after my wife's decease.



Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Vinal fifty dollars, to be paid her by my three sons Ward, Roland and David in one year after my wife's decease. But if my daughter Lydia should die without issue, my will then is to bequeath to her only one dollar to be paid her by my three sons aforesaid in one year after my wife's decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Vinal fifty dollars, to be paid her by my three sons Ward, Roland and David in one year after my wife's decease; but if my daughter Sarah should die without issue, my will is to bequeath to her only one dollar, to be paid her by my three sons aforesaid in one year after my wife's decease.


Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Litchfield fifty dollars to be paid her by my two sons Ward and Roland in one year after my wife's decease. I also give to my daughter Ruth all my indoor household stuff after the decease of her mother. My will also is that my executors hereafter named, then give her one good cow, and keep the cow, or some other for her use summer and winter so long as she remains unmarried. I also give unto my daughter Ruth, fifty weight of good beef, thirty weight of good pork, six bushels of Indian Corn and three bushels of Rye yearly so long as she lives unmarried, to be paid her by my executors hereafter named; my meaning is that the beef, pork, corn and rye be paid her yearly after the decease of her mother; I also give to my daughter Ruth the improvement of my Westerly front room and bedroom, with a privilege in the kitchen, cellar, oven, well &c., so long as may be convenient for her to live comfortably in the house after the decease of my wife, also a privilege in the orchard for apples for her own use. Also a privilege of a seat in one of my Pews in the Meeting house; my will also is that my executors hereafter named find her a sufficiency of wood brought to her door and fitted for the fire so long as she remains unmarried. And in case the above gifts should be deficient for her comfortable support, my will then is that my executors hereafter named, furnish her with such further necessities as she may need.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Curtis fifty dollars to be paid her by my three sons Ward, Roland and David in one year after my wife's decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons Ward and Roland, all the rest of my estate both real and personal, including that which I have given my wife the improvement of, and which I have not disposed of by this my last Will and Testament, to be divided between them equally, to them their heirs and assigns, they paying all my

just debts and charges. Furthermore my will is that my two sons Ward and Roland keep the house in repair during the time that their mother improves part of the same.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint and constitute my two sons Ward and Roland to be the executors of this my last will and testament, written on four sides of a sheet of paper the day and year above mentioned.

*Thomas Litchfield* 

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Litchfield to be his last will and testament in presence of,

Eleazer Peakes,

Levi Vinal,

William Peakes.

#### Abstracts from the records of the Scituate First Church :

Thomas Litchfield & Lydia his wife renewed cov<sup>t</sup> & brôt their Son Paul to Baptism 26 Nov. 1752

Mabel Daug<sup>t</sup> of Thomas Litchfield baptized 18 Nov. 1753

Elizabeth Daug<sup>t</sup> of Tho<sup>s</sup> Litchfield baptized 22 June 1755

Roland Son of Thomas Litchfield was baptised 3 June 1759

Mabel the Daughter of Thomas Litchfield baptiz<sup>d</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 18, 1763

Sarah Daughter of Thomas Litchfield bap<sup>d</sup>: by Mr Wales 9 Aug 1767.

David son of Thomas Litchfield baptiz<sup>d</sup> 2 Oct: 1768

Ruth Daughter of Tho<sup>s</sup> Litchfield Baptiz<sup>d</sup> 4 Oct 1772

Probably Lydia<sup>s</sup> and Abigail<sup>s</sup> were baptized, but there was a failure to make a record in the church book.

There is an old manuscript in the possession of a descendant\* of Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, which gives his children, their births, and deaths of several in the family, which is probably a copy of the original record kept by Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, with additions made to 1833 by some of his children. The quotations in the list of the children of Thomas,<sup>4</sup> given below, are from this manuscript, as are, also, the following deaths :

Thomas Litchfield Departed this Life March 5<sup>th</sup> 1803 aged 80 years & 2 months

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\* Miss Hattie Curtis, Egypt, Mass., 1902.

Lydia Litchfield wife of Thomas Litchfield Departed this Life Feb<sup>ry</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1814 — 80 Years & 4 Months

Sarah Vinal Job Vinals *second* Wife Daughter to Thomas & Lydia Litchfield Departed this Life Aug<sup>t</sup> 31 — 1821

Lydia Vinal the Wife of Israel Vinal Departed this Life June 17<sup>th</sup> 1825 — 64 years 3 Months & 12 days old.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Paul Litchfield the Son of Thomas & Lydia Litchfield Departed this Life Nov<sup>br</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1827 — 75 Years 7 Months & 13 [or 14] days Old.

Roland Litchfield the son of Thomas & Lydia Litchfield Departed this Life October 30<sup>th</sup> 1828 Aged 69 Years 7 Months & 11 days

Ward Litchfield the Son of Thomas & Lydia Litchfield Departed this Life May 1<sup>th</sup> 1830 Aged 72 Years 11 Months & 22 days

Sarah Vinal [died] Aged 54 Years & 28 days

Dea John Jacobs was 74 Years old Sep<sup>t</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> 1833 [Died June 27, 1841].

Children\* of Thomas and Lydia (Cole) Litchfield, all born and recorded (except Abigail) at Scituate :

99. i. PAUL<sup>s</sup>, b. Mch. 12, 1751-2 ("Old Style"), "thirsday about ten oclock in the morning;" m. Mary Bailey and Sarah Capron (widow); minister at Carlisle.
- ii. MABEL ("Mable"), b. Nov. 9, 1753 ("New Style"), "friday nine Oclock at Night." Bapt. Nov. 18, 1753. "Mable Litchfield Departed this Life August 13<sup>th</sup> 1754 It being thirsday about sun set she Being nine Months & four Days Old."
100. iii. ELIZABETH, b. June 13, 1755, "friday four OClock in the Afternoon;" m. Calvin Jenkins, 1781.
101. iv. WARD, b. May 9, 1757, "Monday ten OClock in the forenoon;" m. Betsey Merritt, 1783.
102. v. ROLAND ("Rowland"), b. Mch. 19, 1759, "Monday Seven Olock at Night;" m. Lusanna Curtis, 1782.
103. vi. LYDIA, b. Apr. 5, 1761, "Sabbath day five Olock in the Morning;" m. Israel Vinal, 1801.
104. vii. MABEL ("Mable"), b. Aug. 5, 1763, "friday four Olock in the Afternoon;" m. John Jacobs, Jr., 1783.

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\* Morse's Litchfield Genealogy gives a "Molly," but this name is confused with *Mabel* who died young (1754), whose name Morse failed to record. It is possible, however, that "Molly" was a nickname for Mabel. The birth dates are from the family record and from the manuscript referred to. "Sally" and "Nabby" appear on two Litchfield "trees."

105. viii. SARAH ("Sally"), b. Aug. 3, 1767, "Monday night half past ten O'clock;" m. Job Vinal, 1802.
106. ix. DAVID, b. Sept. 21, 1768, "Wednesday ten O'clock in the forenoon;" m. Sarah Simmons, 1802 or 1803.
107. x. RUTH, b. Oct. 2, 1772, "Friday three O'clock in the Afternoon;" d. unm., Apr. 13, 1851.
108. xi. ABIGAIL ("Nabby"), b. Oct. 22, 1775 (on manuscript), "Sabbath day half past seven O'clock in the Evening;" m. Charles Curtis, 1800.

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ISRAEL<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate; Deane says his birth-year was "1714," but this date appears *too early*. From the dates of his baptism and marriage, it seems more probable that he was born after Thomas<sup>4</sup> (1722–3), and before or in, 1728. "Israel y<sup>e</sup> Son of Nicolas Litchfield was baptised 2 June 1728" (Scituate 1st Parish Rec.).



[From deed — 1753.]

The story of his removal and settlement in Canterbury, Ct., is told in the account of his brother, John<sup>4</sup> (Family No. 35). Morse says: "Israel settled near his brother John, on Tatnock mountain in Brooklyn, Ct., on an extensive farm, from which may be had one of the most extensive and beautiful prospects in New England." This statement is certainly true.

The town records of Canterbury contain few references to Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield. Under date of Dec. 5, 1763, he is named as highway surveyor, and again in October, 1777. In vol. xi, the "earmark" of his cattle, etc., is described as a "square crop."

It would appear from the following entry in the Scituate town records, that, while living in Connecticut, Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield owned property in Scituate, for which he was taxed:

Scituate town meeting, Oct. 18, 1768, "allowed to William Cole Constable what *Israel Litchfield* and Elijah Man was Rated in his Bills *in y<sup>e</sup> year 1765* Provence Town and County [taxes] —." This is too early an entry to refer to Dea. Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 60).

Israel<sup>4</sup> did not remove to Canterbury, Ct., until the very last of 1750, or 1751, as is shown in the "Intentions" of his marriage and the deed, dated *Oct. 22, 1750*, in Family No. 35. These two records of over a year apart declare Israel<sup>4</sup> to be in the one, "of Scituate," in Nov., 1751, and in the other "of Canterbury," in Oct., 1750, — a discrepancy probably arising from some clerical error.

## DEEDS OF ISRAEL LITCHFIELD.

The following deeds are recorded at the town clerk's office in Canterbury, Ct. See also deeds of Family No. 35 :

Mch. 27, 1752-3. Israel Litchfeild, Canterbury, yeoman, for £300, to Daniel Tyler, Canterbury, 15 A. land in Canterbury, abutted by land of John Litchfield and Ezra Cady. Witnesses: John Sprague, Jr., and Seth Paine, Jr. Ack. same day. Rec. April 9, 1753. [Vol. vi: p. 62.]

Jan. 14, 1755. Israel Litchfeild, Canterbury, for £355, to Daniel Tyler, Canterbury, 14½ A. near "a fifteen acre Lot S<sup>d</sup> Tyler bought of S<sup>d</sup> Lichfeild," also abutted by land of Ezra Cady and John Litchfield. Witnesses: Joseph Dyar and Oliver Williams. Ack. same day. Rec. Jan. 17, 1755. [Vol. vi: pp. 166-7.]

Nov. 3, 1761. Israel Lichfield, Canterbury, for £50, to Isaac Lichfeild (Family No. 34), Scituate, "provence of the Masacusets Bay," 60 A. land in Canterbury, beginning at the north-west corner of land of John Lichfield, also abutted by land of Nathan Kimbal and James Darby. Witnesses: Josiah Lichfield and Jabez Fitch. Ack. same day. Rec. Nov. 17. [Vol. vi: p. 459.] See below.

Jan. 12, 1762. Israel Litchfield, Canterbury, to Nathan Allen, "in Consideration of a Deed well Executed from Israel Litchfield to Nathan Allen of Seventy three acres of Land Lying In Canterbury which Deed Beareth Even Date with these presents," confirmed said sale. Abutted by land of John Litchfield, and the "west end of the Land that Nicklous Litchfield bought of major James Fitch," and land of "Abigam Slings(?)" Witnesses: Nathan Kimball and Josiah Paine. Ack. May 11, 1763. Rec. Dec. 26, 1763. [Vol. vii: p. 114.]

Nov. 24, 1775. Isaac Litchfield (Family No. 34), and Hannah, his wife, Scituate [Mass], for £50, conveyed to Israel Litchfield, Canterbury, the land mentioned in deed dated Nov. 3, 1761 (above).



Nathan and Benjamin Shepard mentioned as abutters. Witnesses: Josiah Litchfield and Peleg Crooker. Ack. in Plymouth, Jan. 20, 1777. Rec. Mch. 31, 1777. [Vol. ix: p. 153.]

The following deeds and agreements are recorded at the office of the Town Clerk, in Brooklyn, Ct.:

June 27, 1793. Bond and agreement between Israel Litchfield and Elisha *Bowman*,\* as to a division fence. Witnesses: Charles Dabney and Joseph Baker. [Book 2: p. 156.]

May 29, 1800. Lease of land between Elias Blanchard and Israel Litchfield. Witnesses: John Parish and David Litchfield. [Book 2: p. 340.]

Feb. 5, 1801. Warranty Deed of Israel Litchfield to John Litchfield, for \$350.00, the west end of farm now occupied by grantor. Abutters: John Litchfield, Elias Blanchard, John Geer and Roswell Morgan. Witnesses: John Parish and Daniel Kies. [Book 2: p. 376.]

Jan. 30, 1802. Warranty Deed of Israel Litchfield to Mark Litchfield, both of Brooklyn, for \$1200, for a mortgage deed from said Mark bearing even date with these presents on real estate containing 93 acres. Abutters: on West, John Litchfield; on North, Elias Blanchard; on East, John Litchfield; on South, Roswell Morgan and John Geer. Witnesses: Daniel Tyler, Jun., and Joseph Baker. [Book 2: p. 415.]

Jan. 30, 1802. Deed of Mark Litchfield to Israel Litchfield; same tract as above; consideration \$1200; same witnesses. Condition of deed, "that if said Mark does in decent and comfortable manner support the said Isreal and wife Phebe, during their natural lives (the support is to extend to every particular necessary to make them comfortable in their old age), and in one year after the said Isreal's death, to pay or cause to be paid unto Leonard Litchfield son of Isreal \$150, to his son James & each of his daughters \$10, then this deed to be null and void." [Book 2: pp. 416-17.]

Jan. 12, 1810. Quit Claim Deed of Israel Litchfield to Mark Litchfield for \$1200 on land containing 89 A.: 104 rds., signed by a mark. Witnesses: John Parish and Benjamin Weaver. Same tract as last two deeds (above). "I the subscriber as overseer to the within named Isreal Litchfield, hereby give my consent to the within conveyance made by said Isreal — Samuel Butts." [Book 3: p. 609.]

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\* Was he a relative of Walter Bowman, Family No. 92?







The home of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, Brooklyn, Ct.

(See footnote, page 179.)

Jan. 12, 1810. Mortgage Deed of Mark Litchfield to Israel Litchfield for \$1200. Witnesses: John Parish and Luther Litchfield. Estate containing 75 A. lying partly in Brooklyn and partly in Canterbury. "The condition of the foregoing deed is such that provided the said Mark shall support the said Isreal and Phebe his wife in a decent and comfortable manner during their natural lives both in sickness and in health and shall also pay to Leonard Litchfield son of said Isreal \$150 and to his son James and each of the daughters of said Isreal \$10 in one year after the decease of said Isreal then this deed to be void otherwise to remain in full force & effect." "I the subscriber hereby consent to the within conveyance being given to Isreal Litchfield within mentioned as overseer of the said Isreal. Jan. 12th 1810. Samuel Butts." [Book 3 : p. 610.]

Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was married *twice*. His *first* wife was Penelope Burdin (or Burden). The date or place of their marriage has not been found, and the only authentic source of information regarding this woman is found in the following entry, taken from the Scituate town clerk's records: "Intentions of marriage of Israel Litchfield of Scituate and Penelapah Burdin of Providence Nov. 26, 1751." Her Christian name appears but once on the Canterbury, Ct., records, and that in the entry of birth of their daughter, Betsey ("Betty"). Diligent search of the records at Providence, R. I., has failed to reveal anything regarding her parentage or family connections. Morse's Litchfield Genealogy says, "He [Israel] m. 1751, Penelope Burdin," and nothing more. It is thought by some that Penelope was of the Hanover or Marshfield family of *Bardins*, but there seems to be no proof. Her name may have been: *Borden*,\* *Barden*, *Burden*, *Burditt*

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\*In connection with the family name of *Borden*, the compiler has found a Penelope who may fit this case. In the back part of Fowler's Historical Sketch of Fall River (1841), there is a *Borden chart*, giving descendants of John<sup>2</sup> Borden (son of Richard,<sup>1</sup> who came to America in 1635 and settled in Portsmouth, R. I.), one of the earliest settlers and purchasers of land in Portsmouth, R. I. He had a son, Joseph,<sup>3</sup> who had a son, Stephen,<sup>4</sup> whose wife was Penelope Read (*John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *John*.<sup>1</sup>) The children of Stephen<sup>4</sup> and Penelope (Read) Borden, as given on this chart, were: George,<sup>5</sup> Mary, Hannah, Lusannah, Stephen, Jr., and *Penelope*. Did the last named marry Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield? Hattie Borden Weld, Los Angeles, Cal., compiler and publisher of the Borden Genealogy (1899) omits this Penelope in her book, and in a letter from her, in 1901, states that she has been unable to fix upon the parentage of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield's wife. She says that either Penelope did not belong to the Richard Borden stock or her name was omitted from the registers. The Bordens of Fall River, Scituate, and of Providence, were mostly

or *Burdet*.\* Town clerks were often very careless in their entries, and even the interested parties themselves did not know, in many instances, how a name should be spelled. There was a great deal of intercourse, commercial and social, between the people of Windham County, Ct., and Providence, R. I., and it is very probable that Israel<sup>4</sup> had met Penelope in the latter place while there on business. Perhaps Penelope was only a temporary resident of Providence. No known record of her death, which must have occurred in or before 1766.

The *second* wife of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was Phebe Holt. Their marriage is recorded in the town and church record books of Canterbury, Ct., and occurred Jan. 14, 1766.†

In connection with the entries on the Brooklyn Congregational Church book of the baptisms of the children of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, referred to later, occurs the statement that "*Phebe came from Windham,*" which probably means that she belonged to Windham, Ct.,‡ church, but in this book there are no church admissions or taking of covenant in the name of Israel or Phebe.

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Quakers, whose vital records have been quite faithfully made and kept. In addition to the data from the Borden chart, it is stated in the Reed-Read Genealogy (1861) that John Read, brother of Penelope Read, named above, had, by wife, Sarah Burden (or Borden), a daughter, Penelope. Peck & Earl's Sketch of Fall River, pp. 224-243, gives some of the descendants of Richard<sup>1</sup> Borden, and in naming the children of Stephen<sup>4</sup> and Penelope (Read) Borden, omits *Penelope* and substitutes *Meribah*.

It is possible that Penelope Burden ("Burdin") was a *widow*; if such were the case, *perhaps she was Stephen Borden's widow*.

\* There were Bardens (Borden or Bardon) in Brooklyn, Ct., in 1779. (Congregational church records). The will of a Joseph Burden of Plainfield, Ct., dated 1793, names among others, a son, *Israel*, and a daughter *Phebe* (Windham Co. Probate records, at Central Village, Ct.). There was a Thomas Barden in Scituate, in 1726 (Mass. State Archives). A George Burdin came in the Abigail, in 1635. In the index to the probate records of the Municipal Court of the City of Providence, R. I., besides the name, Borden, there are the following: Burdon, Burden, Bordett, Burdett, Barden, Bardean, Bardeen and Bardine. Investigation has failed to discover a Penelope to fit the known data. Scituate records and Deane's Scituate give data concerning Henry Burditt (Burdit) and some of his descendants, but there appears to be no Penelope among them. Perhaps she was of Middleboro. In 1660, William Burden of Concord, but residing in Duxbury, whose wife was Deborah Barker (daughter John) gave a receipt to Abraham Blush (see vol. ii, Plymouth County Wills and Inventories). Swift's *Barnstable Families*, p. 66, has reference to this family of Burden (Barden, Borden, etc.).

† On the Hampton, Ct., Church records, their marriage is entered thus: "*Aron Litchfield of Canterbury was married to Phebe Holt of Hampton by Rev Sam<sup>r</sup> Mosley — Jan 14 1766.*" A clerical error.

‡ In this connection it would be well to state that this Windham church is identical with the Hampton church. At the time, 1723, of the organization of the

Some have contended that Phebe Holt was *widow of Nathaniel Holt*, and that her maiden name was Phebe *Canada*, to whom Nathaniel Holt was married, Dec. 16, 1756 (Hampton, Ct., church records). They had two children. But in no record, so far found, of the marriage of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and Phebe Holt, is the latter called a *widow*, and there is no mention of her children by a former marriage in the Litchfield family records.

The Holt Genealogy (1861) states positively that Phebe Holt, who married Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield was daughter of Capt. Joshua and Keturah (Holt) Holt, and was born in Windham, Ct., Aug. 16, 1734,\* and in the non-appearance of documentary evidence to the contrary, the compiler states it as his belief that the *Holt Genealogy is correct*. She was baptized on Aug. 24, 1734 (Hampton church records).

The records of the deaths of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and his wife, Phebe, have not been found, nor any account of the settlement of their estates except as is implied in the deeds above. It is quite certain that both were living in 1810, but they may have died soon after, as Mark,<sup>5</sup> who took care of them, left for New

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Congregational church in Hampton, the building stood in Windham Village, or Canada Society church, or that part of Windham taken off to form Hampton (Lucy Hall Greenlaw). Hampton was not incorporated until 1786, being made up from parts of the towns of Windham, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Canterbury and Mansfield.

\*Chester Goodale Dalzell, South Egremont, Mass., has been trying to prove that *Phebe Holt, born Aug. 16, 1734*, married in Pomfret, Ct., Feb. 13, 1755, Ebenezer Goodale (or Goodell), Jr., his ancestor. Ebenezer Goodell had at least twelve children by this marriage, and died Sept. 1, 1794. His widow, Phebe, died Feb. 7, 1808. Mr. Dalzell writes (1902): "If Goodell married the above Phebe, he would have been marrying a woman of about his own age, that is twenty-two years, a very common age for marrying in those days. If Litchfield married the above Phebe, he would have been marrying a woman about thirty-two years of age, which was a good many years for young women to wait then." He contends that Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield's wife was widow of Nathaniel Holt. Again, the absence of any proof other than that of circumstantial evidence, does not invalidate the authority of the Holt Genealogy. It is to be borne in mind that *Phebe Holt was the second wife* of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and that *he was about thirty-eight years old* at the time of their marriage.

The other children of Capt. Joshua Holt were: Dinah, b. Mch. 17, 1726, m. Timothy Pearl, Jr., 1746; Joshua, Jr., b. Mch. 19, 1728, m. twice; and Keturah, b. Nov. 22, 1729, d. 1758, perhaps m., 1750, John Pearl, all in Windham, Ct. Keturah, wife of Capt. Joshua, was the daughter, b. 1691, of Henry and Sarah Holt, and so his first cousin, as Henry Holt was brother of Nicholas Holt, Jr., father of Capt. Joshua. Henry and Nicholas were two of the eight children of Nicholas Holt, Sr., of Andover, who was brother of William Holt of New Haven, Ct. (Holt Genealogy, 1864.) See "Genealogical Guide to the Early Settlers of America," in *Spirit of '76*.

York State about that time. Either they removed with him to his new home, or the home of one of their other children, in New York, and died there, or they died and lie buried in Brooklyn, Ct. Their graves, if in Brooklyn, were evidently not marked by inscribed stones. There are no Litchfield vital records in Booneville, N. Y., whither Mark<sup>5</sup> is said to have emigrated.

On the Canterbury, Ct., town records (quite incomplete) appear the *births* of only four of the children of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, by either of his marriages. These are: "Betty," Mark, Leonard, and Penelope, as indicated below. On the records of the Brooklyn (Ct.) Congregational church, however, we find the *baptisms* of the four children of the *second marriage*, as follows: Mark, Mch. 27, 1768; Leonard, Feb. 2, 1772; Penelope, Apr. 21, 1775; Esther, Apr. 12, 1778.

Of Israel's children,\* it is quite certain that James,<sup>5</sup> David,<sup>5</sup> Leonard<sup>5</sup> and Penelope<sup>5</sup> removed to New York before 1800, and Mark<sup>5</sup> about 1810. It is not known that any of the descendants of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield resided in Connecticut later than 1810, most of them having settled or are now living in New York, Ohio, and Indiana. The descendants of Samuel and Betsey<sup>5</sup> (Litchfield) Adams are very numerous. Of their twelve children, four were born in Canterbury, Ct., and the others in Putney, Vt. David's descendants have brought much distinction to the family, Hon. Edward Hubbard<sup>8</sup> Litchfield of Brooklyn, N. Y., being one of his great-grandsons. .

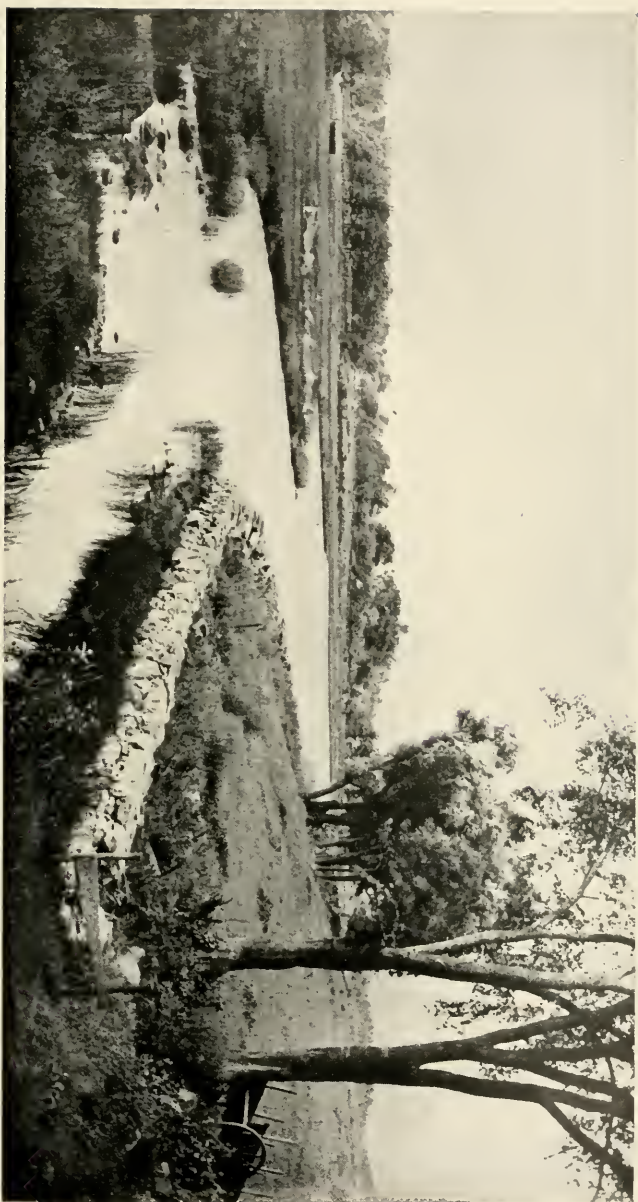
The order of arrangement in the following list of children is based on a study of the administration papers of the estate of Elisha<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, and on known dates of birth, baptism and marriage, and yet there are probably several errors in the suppositions. Much more light is desired on the children of the fifth generation.

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\* Israel Litchfield had a daughter by Olive Cady, whose name was Tryphena ("Trypheney"), born Dec. 18, 1751 (Canterbury town records). See Appendix.

A Litchfield "Tree" gives the following as the children of Israel Litchfield: *Rebecca, Elisha, Eleazer, Desire* and *Elizabeth*. Of these names, no authority has been found elsewhere for *four*, and hence the compiler does not credit Family No. 37<sub>a</sub> with them.





Bound Brook, near Lincoln's Mill, North Scituate, and the Cohasset line.



Children of Israel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield :By *Penelope* :

109. i. JAMES,<sup>5</sup> b. perhaps abt. 1752 ; served in Revolutionary war ; is said by Morse's Litchfield Genealogy to have settled as a merchant at Coeymans, Albany Co., N. Y. Perhaps of Coxsackie, N. Y. Information desired.
110. ii. DAVID, b. perhaps abt. 1754 ; m. Keziah Morse, 1784. Removed to New York State.
111. iii. BETSEY ("Betty")\* b. in North Canterbury, Ct., Mch. 15, 1755 ; m. Samuel Adams, "4th," 1777.
112. iv. ELISHA, b. perhaps abt. 1757 ; a Revolutionary soldier ; killed, July 15, 1784. Probably unm.
113. v. ROBA ("Roby"), b. perhaps abt. 1759 ; m. Ebenezer Parker,† 1779. More information desired.

By *Phebe* :

114. vi. MARK, b. Canterbury, Ct., Mch. 14, 1768 ; m. Susanna Faulkner. Resided in Brooklyn, Ct., and in Booneville, N. Y.
115. vii. LEONARD, b. Canterbury, Ct., Jan. 26, 1772. Living in 1810. Probably resided in Eastern New York.
116. viii. PENELOPE, b. Canterbury, Ct., May 18, 1775. Resided in New York (Morse).
117. ix. ESTHER, b. abt. 1778 ; bapt. Apr. 12, 1778 (as above). Nothing further known ; perhaps d. young.

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JUDITH<sup>4</sup> BRIGGS, daughter of Joseph Briggs, Jr., and Judith<sup>3</sup> Litchfield (*Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate. "Judeth daughter of Joseph Briggs Jun<sup>r</sup> and Judeth his wife was born May 20<sup>th</sup> 1725" (town record). "Judith daugt<sup>t</sup> of Joseph Briggs Jun<sup>n</sup> was baptiz<sup>d</sup> 1 May 1726" (First Parish rec.). She was admitted to church communion, July 4, 1742. By the will of her father (1747), she received one-half of his real estate and one-third of his personal property, the value of which was large for those days. Judith<sup>4</sup> became owner of the old Briggs homestead, still standing near North Scituate beach, but somewhat

\* Morse's Litchfield Genealogy says Samuel Adams married *Roba*,<sup>5</sup> and that "—— Parker" married *Betsey*.<sup>5</sup> These are both errors.

modernized and enlarged, known as the "Collier house" (see picture, opposite page 98). The present owner of this house is Larra W. Sumner of Canton, Mass.

In a paper\* read before the Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R., June 17, 1899, while there was a gathering of this Society in the old Collier house, Mr. E. P. Collier of Cohasset, who was then the owner, said :

A greater difference can hardly be imagined than that existing between the Farm Neck of 250 years ago, when Walter Briggs purchased his farm, and the Farm Neck of to-day. Then the land was purchased for the sake of wringing from it a precarious livelihood, and brought about an average price of \$3 per acre. To-day the land in this vicinity is purchased for purposes of pleasure, and brings a price of which the early settlers would never have dreamed. What would Walter Briggs have thought of the purchase of ten acres of his farm to furnish our frivolous summer residents with golf, tennis and baseball grounds? Two hundred and fifty years ago, the inhabitant of this region sat in his living room at night, which was lighted by a home-made tallow dip and warmed by an open fireplace, and the only sound which broke the silence of the solitude was the scream of wolves in the uncleared forest. To-night some of the buildings on Farm Neck will be lighted by a force only known two hundred and fifty years ago by its manifestations in the tempest, and the sounds which now strike the ear at night perchance are the whistle of the distant locomotive or the hoarse note of the ocean steamer. . . . . In 1651 appears in the Conihasset records of the date of January 9th, a deed from Timothy Hatherly to Walter Briggs† of Scituate, farmer, of the former's farm, known as Musquashituck or Conihasset farm, consisting of house, barn, outbuildings and 300 acres of land, the consideration being £200. Now the harbor formed by the jutting out into the sea of the Glades Point, and known as Musquashituck Harbor and Strawberry Cove, became known as Briggs' Harbor, a name which it retains to-day.

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\* This quite lengthy paper was printed as a whole in a Hingham newspaper, soon after it was read. The parts omitted above relate more directly to Walter Briggs and his immediate descendants. Quotations will be found later in the treatment of William Collier's descendants.

† See footnote on Walter Briggs, page 66. It will be noted that Mr. Collier, in this paper, agrees with the compiler, that Joseph Briggs, father of Judith,<sup>4</sup> was son of Lieut. James, and not son of Ensign Cornelius (as Deane has it). See footnote, p. 97.

The house which Hatherly deeded to Briggs is described as lying west of Musquashituck Pond, so that it could not have been the one now standing on the cliff, for that one is situated north of the pond. It is probable that Briggs, soon after he came into possession of his new purchase, built the house now standing on the cliff, and known as the *old Collier house*. Whether the meeting\* of the commission to settle the boundary between Scituate and Cohasset was held in the old or the new house can probably never be known. Certain it is that Walter Briggs left by will dated 1676, two houses or homesteads, one of which is now standing.

A few years ago, Azro Turner of Scituate, while ploughing in his field west of Musquashituck Pond, uncovered a hearth made of square English bricks. Here was undoubtedly the site of the Hatherly house built in 1637. A few rods to the east of this spot, near the shore of the pond, stands an old pear tree, which has grown out of the roots of a tree of still greater age. The fact that this tree stands where no orchard has been within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, together with its great age, marks it as the last vestige of that orchard which Hatherly mentions in his deed to Briggs in 1651. . . . . To me it is a very fascinating subject of thought, this farm on the shore 250 years ago. . . . .

The children of Walter Briggs were John, James, Hannah *Winslow*, and Cornelius. To Capt. John and Lieut. James, he appears to have left his real estate in Scituate, which contained, besides the 300 acres, 84 acres granted to him by the town. This latter was not divided until after 1750. The two sons allowed the farm to remain undivided during their lifetime, and it was not until after their death that John, the son of Capt. John, and *Joseph*, the son of *Lieut. James*, in 1708, made an actual division of the 300 acres, which had remained undivided since 1651. But this division was not for long, for John evidently was not of bucolic disposition and sold his share of the

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\* Hist. of Cohasset (1898), p. 133: "The house of Walter Briggs, where they [Commissioners] met upon Nov. 18, 1656, was built four years before, and is still standing with its huge oak timbers at North Scituate beach. It is owned by our fellow townsman, E. Pomeroy Collier, a descendant of Walter Briggs, and is used with its modern addition as a summer residence. The streams of human change for two hundred and forty years have flowed by that house, leaving it to bear witness of the first proprietor of that region, as well as of the bone of contention [boundary between Scituate and Cohasset] which lay in sight of it towards Cohasset Harbor, a mile to the west."

On page 294 of this same history, a *William Collier* appears as *private* in the Roll of Capt. Obediah Beal's company, which marched from Cohasset to Dorchester, Mch. 4, 1776. He is probably identical with William who married Judith<sup>4</sup> Briggs.

paternal acres back to his cousin Joseph, and removed to Boston, and when we next hear of him he is spoken of as John Briggs, Gentleman, while his cousin Joseph is still named Joseph Briggs, yeoman.

This Joseph had three children: Mary, who married a Cudworth; Hannah, who married a Clap; and *Judith*. Either because *Judith* was single at the time of making his will in 1747, or because she was his favorite daughter, Joseph left to her one-half of his real estate and one-third of his personal property, the real estate including the old Briggs homestead. That same year Joseph Briggs steps off the stage and with him the name of Briggs from our chronicles. The farm is partitioned never to be re-united, and the Joseph Briggs farm becomes a thing of tradition.

The next year (1748) there steps upon the scene *William Collier*, called of Boston, and captures the maiden Judith and takes her unto himself, also her fertile farm and comfortable homestead. I had taken it for granted that this William Collier was a descendant of the William Collier who lived in Duxbury, a contemporary of Walter Briggs, and a man of great wealth and importance in the colony. But on looking the gentleman up, I discovered that his family consisted entirely of daughters. So I turned my attention to the Massachusetts colony and discovered that this William was probably a descendant of *Thomas Collier*, one of the early settlers of Hingham. . . . .

Many interesting things might be told of the old house and the old farm. Here wreck after wreck has come ashore, and more than once the floor of the old living room has been the bed of shipwrecked sailors stretched out with their toes to the great fireplace, some of them never to wake on earth. This old living room, too, was the scene of the dame school kept by Aunt Mary\* and Aunt Ann\* Collier. Here in 1851 the lighthouse gale wrought havoc, and the field between Musquashituck Pond and the sea was changed from a fertile melon patch and cornfield into a waste of sand and stubble in a single night. . . . .

#### EXTRACTS FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.†

Sept. 10, 1751. Sarah Briggs, widow of Joseph Briggs, for £50, conveyed to William Collier, Scituate, yeoman, all her right, etc., in one-half of the real estate of her late husband, which he had by will, left to Judith Briggs, his daughter, now Judith Collier. Witnesses:

\* Daughters of Israel<sup>s</sup> and Tamsin (Hayden) Collier.

† See also deeds of Family No. 28, and Family No. 36.



Benjamin Eaton and Thomas Collier. Ack. Feb. 21, 1751-2. Rec. Apr. 28, 1756. [Vol. xliii: p. 223.]

Feb. 22, 1752. William and Judith Collier, for £5, conveyed to Josiah<sup>4</sup> Lichfield, 12 A., part of farm set off in division of Joseph Briggs's estate, near the sea, in the interest of the widow (Sarah) of Joseph Briggs. [Vol. xli: p. 170.]

May 18, 1752. William and Judith Collier, for 12s., conveyed to Josiah<sup>4</sup> Lechfield, Samuel Stockbridge, Jr., and James Bowker, some cedar swamp in Scituate. [Vol. xlii: p. 86.]

May 7, 1754. William Collier, Scituate, "felt-maker," and Judith, his wife, for £60, to Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, Scituate, yeoman, 11½ A. land in Scituate, "being part of the farm that fell to us in the division of our Hon<sup>d</sup> Father Joseph Briggs deceased Estate and lies on the Plain." Abutters: Joseph Bailey, the sea and "Hubby" (?) meadow. With privileges of carting hay over the land. Witnesses: James Studley and Thomas Clap. Ack. May 17, 1754. Rec. Apr. 10, 1755. [Vol. xlii: p. 87.]

Aug. 19, 1754. William Collier, Scituate, yeoman, and Judith, his wife, for £17: 7s., to Isaac<sup>4</sup> and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lichfield, Scituate, yeomen, 4 A. 20 rds., salt meadow in Scituate joining to the Glade Islands, in two pieces. Abutters: James Merritt, South Glade Island, beach, Samuel Holbrook, John Ewell, Merritt's meadow, Great Glade Island. With privileges of fencing, carting hay and ditching. Witnesses: Thomas Studley and Samuel Holbrook, Jr. Ack. Mch. 22, 1755. Rec. Apr. 10, 1755. [Vol. xliii: p. 87.]

Feb. 13, 1755. Deed of indenture. William Collier, Scituate, yeoman, and Judith, his wife, for £58, paid by Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lechfield, and £11: 6s: 8d., paid by Josiah Damon, both of Scituate, yeomen, on 9 A. salt meadow in Scituate. Abutters: Josiah Damon, Thomas Lechfield, Joseph Bailey and Ebenezer Bailey. Witnesses: John Cudworth, Ebenezer Bailey. Ack. Mch. 22, 1755. Rec. Apr. 10, 1755. [Vol. xliii: p. 87.]

Mch. 1, 1755. William and Judith Collier, for £2, conveyed to Josiah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, an island near Glade Island, part of Judith's inheritance from her father. [Vol. xliii: p. 116.]

Mch. 28, 1758. William and Judith Collier, for £48, conveyed to Josiah<sup>4</sup> Lechfield, Scituate, yeoman, 8 A., in two pieces, salt meadow and upland, part of divided estate of Joseph Briggs, Judith's father. Abutters: Josiah Daman, Joseph Bailey, Ebenezer Bailey, Joseph Clap, Jr., and Mary Cudworth. Ack. same day. Rec. Apr. 4. [Vol. xliv: p. 254.]

July 8, 1758. William and Judith Collier, for £180, conveyed to Eleazer<sup>4</sup> Lechfield and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Lechfield, in equal shares, 31 A. upland in northerly part of Great Glade Island. [Vol. xlv: p. 88.]

There are at least two apparently variant records of the marriage of Judith<sup>4</sup> Briggs to William Collier. Among Boston marriages, it appears: "William Collier & Judith Briggs of Scituate, Jan. 5, 1748" (Report of Boston Rec. Com., No. 28, p. 270). In Scituate: "W<sup>m</sup> Collier & Judith Briggs were married 23 M<sup>ch</sup> 1749" (First Church rec.). The Scituate Town record date is the same as the church record, and William Collier is spoken of as "of Boston" (Deane). The difference of these two dates may be explained in this way, — the first was the date of "intentions," at Boston, and the latter the real date of marriage, at Scituate, which should be expressed thus, — *Mch.* 23, 1748-9. The "intentions" were recorded at Scituate, Dec. 30, 1748.

William Collier, who, says Deane's Scituate, "had large tracts of land south of the glades," was *probably* a son of Gershom\*

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\* George L. Davenport, Cohasset, Mass., who has made quite a study of the Collier family, and who is compiling the Genealogies of that town, has contributed the following: The ancestry of William and Thomas Collier (his brother) of Scituate, is probably thus: Thomas,<sup>1</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Gershom,<sup>3</sup> and he relies mostly upon Deane's Scituate, and Hull records, deeds and wills, for his statements. Thomas<sup>1</sup> had land granted him in Hingham, Sept. 18, 1635; wife, Susanna, d. Dec. 10, 1667; as "widow," she had been granted one and one-quarter acres of land, about 1650, in that part of Hingham, now Cohasset; Thomas<sup>1</sup> d. Apr. 6, 1647, *act.* 71, his will being dated, "29-3-1647." Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Susanna Collier had the following ch.: Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Jr., b. in Eng. (see below); Moses,<sup>2</sup> b. in Eng., m. 1st, Nov. 26, 1655, Elizabeth Jones [perhaps dau. Richard and Alice] of Dorchester, m. 2nd, Dec. 17, 1657, Elizabeth Bullard [dau. William] of Dedham [and lived in Woodbridge, N. J.]; and Susan<sup>2</sup> (or Susanna), named in father's will.

Thomas<sup>2</sup> Jr., m. Dec. 30, 1647, Jane, dau. Robert Jones of Hingham, who survived him and d. at Hull, Apr. 1, 1709. Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Jr., removed to Hull with his family abt. 1657, having had land granted to him there, and d. 1691, *act.* 69. He was a Freeman in 1663 and known as Lieutenant. His will, dated June 25, 1690, mentions wife, Jane, and five ch., and particularly Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> and he gives a double share of his property to that one of his sons who will care for him; he was part owner of Brewster Island in 1662, and held considerable estate in Hull. Children of Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Jr., and Jane (Jones) Collier: Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> bapt. Hing., Dec. 17, 1648; James,<sup>3</sup> bapt. Hing., Apr. 6, 1651; Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Jr., bapt. Hing. May 28, 1654, m. Susan —, and d. 1719 (see his will); Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> named in father's will; Gershom<sup>3</sup> (probably), as below.

Gershom<sup>3</sup> Collier m. Elizabeth —, and had the following ch., b. at Hull: Judith,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 14, 1697; Susanna,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 8, 1700; Mary,<sup>4</sup> b. Mch. 7, 1703; Thomas,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 27, 1705, m. Apr. 20, 1734, Bridget *Southworth* (Deane's Scituate, p. 241, says "Bosworth"), and had several ch. in Scituate; Gershom,<sup>4</sup> Jr., b. Apr. 15, 1708, d. young; Jane,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 10, 1710; Gershom<sup>4</sup> (again), b. Nov. 7, 1713;

and Elizabeth (—) Collier of Hull, where he was born, June 21, 1721. He died in 1794, in Scituate (First Church rec.,—no day or month appears), and his wife, Judith<sup>4</sup> died in 1793 (First Church rec.).

The first four children of William and Judith Collier were baptized at the First Church, Scituate, as the following taken from the records, show :

Isaac Son of W<sup>m</sup> Collier Baptized its mother being in our Communion 4 Nov 1750

Sarah Daug<sup>t</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> Collier bapt<sup>d</sup> 29 oct 1752

Judith Daug<sup>t</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> Collier baptized 8 Sep<sup>t</sup> 1754

Elizabeth Daug<sup>t</sup> of W<sup>m</sup> Collier baptized 21 Nov 1756

The births of only Isaac,<sup>5</sup> Judith<sup>5</sup> and Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Collier are recorded on the town records of Scituate.

Children of William and Judith<sup>4</sup> (Briggs) Collier, all (probably) born in Scituate :

118. i. ISAAC<sup>5</sup> *Collier*, b. June 13, 1750; m. Tamsin Hayden, 1771.

ii. SARAH *Collier*, b. abt. 1752; d. Jan. 26, 1810, *aet.* 57; m. 1783, Ichabod<sup>5</sup> Briggs, son of John and Judith<sup>4</sup> (Damon) Briggs, Family No. 25, page 130.

iii. JUDITH *Collier*, b. May 4, 1754; m. 1780, John<sup>5</sup> Briggs, Jr., brother of Ichabod<sup>5</sup> Briggs (above). See Family No. 25, page 129.

iv. ELIZABETH *Collier*, b. abt. 1756; m. 1779, John<sup>5</sup> Damon, son of Josiah<sup>4</sup> and Leah (Briggs) Damon, Family No. 23, page 124.

119. v. JONATHAN *Collier*, b. Mch. 3, 1758; d. Jan. 11, 1822; m. 1788, Abigail *Long* (d. Scituate, June 24, 1804, *aet.* 42), of Harwich; they had ch. at Scituate; m. 2nd, May 10, 1807, Hannah *Nash* of "Ilseborough" (Me.), who d. Sept. 19, 1828 (Scituate town records).

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John,<sup>4</sup> b. Mch. 9, 1716; Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> b. May 3, 1719; William,<sup>4</sup> b. June 21, 1721, m. Judith<sup>4</sup> Briggs as above; Isaac,<sup>4</sup> b. Mch. 7, 1726; and Moses,<sup>4</sup> b. June 2, 1729. In the settlement of Gershom's estate, 1753, Thomas<sup>4</sup> and William<sup>4</sup> Collier sold out their interest in their father's property to the other heirs, and removed to Scituate.

Other authorities for above data are Histories of Hingham and Cohasset, and Genealogical Guide to the Early Settlers of America (from which the bracketed interpolations are taken).

SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>), Jr., was born in Scituate, Oct. 11, 1715. "Samuel Litchfield jun<sup>r</sup> owned y<sup>e</sup> Cov<sup>t</sup> & was Baptized 18 Nov. 1739" (First Church rec.).

*Samuel Litchfield jun*

[From deed.]

In 1756, 1757 and 1758, he was constable. Mch. 20, 1758: Allowed to "Sam<sup>l</sup> Lichfield Jun<sup>r</sup> for John Conway & Jabez Hatch Rates for the year 1758, 0-4-2" (First Parish Clerk's records, — 1707-1761). Sam<sup>l</sup> Lichfield appears on a list of officers commissioned for the Second Regiment of militia in the County of Plymouth, in 1762, with the rank of Ensign, in Capt. Benjamin James's (3rd Scituate) Company, Col. Thomas Clapp's Regiment (Mass. Arch.: Muster Rolls, vol. xcix: p. 45). This was French and Indian war service. Samuel's name appears on the tax-list of Scituate, as late as 1783, but the year of his death is not exactly determined. It was before 1804. There appears to be no town or family record giving the date, and at Plymouth there is no recorded settlement of his estate.

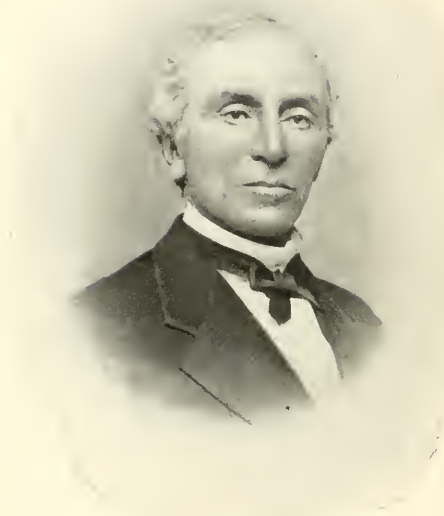
Married at Scituate, by Rev. Shearjashub Bourn, Apr. 1, 1742\* (int. Feb. 27, 1741-2), to Priscilla Vinal, born in Scituate, May 18, 1723; baptized Oct. 22, 1727 (First Church), daughter of Jacob, Jr.,† and Elizabeth (Simmons) Vinal of Scituate.

\* This is the First Parish record. The town record is: Apr. 1, 1741.

† *Jacob Vinal, Jr.* (according to Deane), was the great-grandson of Widow Anna<sup>4</sup> Vinal, who, with three children, appeared in Scituate in 1636. She was a Conihasset partner, and well-to-do. Her residence was in or near that part of Scituate now called Greenbush. She died in 1664. Her children, all born in England, were: Martha,<sup>2</sup> b. before 1630, m. Isaac Chittenden, Jr., 1646; Stephen,<sup>2</sup> b. Dec., 1630, succeeded to his mother's house, and m. Mary, dau. Rev. Nicholas Baker, 1661; and John,<sup>2</sup> b. abt. 1634, lived on the corner of Kent street and Meeting-house lane (at Scituate Harbor, — see pictures opposite p. 111), and m. 1664, Elizabeth Baker, sister of Mary (also sister of Sarah, wife of Josiah<sup>2</sup> Litchfield, Family No. 5, — see footnotes, pp. 51-2).

The will of John<sup>2</sup> Vinal is on file at Plymouth Probate Registry. Dated 1698, it names his wife, sons, John<sup>3</sup> and Jacob,<sup>3</sup> and dau. Grace.<sup>3</sup> Josiah<sup>2</sup> Lechfield was one of the appraisers of his estate. John<sup>2</sup> is buried in the First Parish Burying-ground, where his gravestone reads: "Here lyes y<sup>e</sup> body of Mr John Ujnal who dyd Argust 21 day in 1698 aged 62 years." His children were: *John*,<sup>3</sup> *Jr.*, b. Oct. 7, 1665 (see below); Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> b. Nov. 30, 1667, d. Feb. 20, 1667-8; Hannah,<sup>3</sup>





*Libya M Litchfield*

1819-1886

Father of Compiler





*-Chloe B. Litchfield*

1824-1903

Mother of Compiler



She died, probably, in 1804, as the following record of death occurs on the First Church book: "1804, Widow Priscilla Litchfield." No recorded settlement of estate in Plymouth.

b. Sept. 30, 1669, d. Nov. 11, 1669; Jacob,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 2, 1670, m. Mary Cudworth; Grace,<sup>3</sup> b. 1672, m. Ebenezer Mott, 1700.

Administration on the estate of John<sup>3</sup> Vinal, Jr., was granted Oct. 10, 1748, to his widow Mary. The inventory, taken Nov. 1, 1748, by Benjamin Curtis, Charles Turner and John James, Jr., amounted to £2289: 19s.: 3d. The real estate consisted of four acres salt meadow, about twelve acres pasture land, and homestead of about thirty acres, with buildings. On May 27, 1751, an account of *Mary Woodard*, admn'x, was allowed. The partition of the estate of John<sup>3</sup> Vinal, Jr., was made on Aug. 2, 1765, by Joseph Cushing and Charles Turner, both of Scituate, and David Jacob of Hanover. In this division the widow, *Mary Vinal, alias Woodward*, was first allowed her dower-rights. The rest of the estate was given to four of the children (John<sup>4</sup> is not named), viz., Mary, Ezekiel, Elizabeth Bates and Ruth Vinal, in equal shares. These data, together with a study of the will of her father, prove that *the wife of John Vinal, Jr., was Mary Woodworth, dau. Thomas and Deborah (Damon) Woodworth*. Deane's Scituate omits her family name and gives no clue. The will of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Woodworth (son of Walter<sup>1</sup>), dated Feb. 13, 1718, allowed Mch. 17, 1718/19, names the following: Wife, Deborah; son Ezekiah's children; sons, John and Ebenezer; and daus. Deborah Pincen (wife of Ebenezer), Katharine Danforth, Hannah Jackson, Jerusha Randall, and *Mary Vinal* (to whom he gave 10 A. Scituate land, near land of William Clift). All these data from Plym. Prob. Registry. Deborah Damon was dau. John<sup>1</sup> and Katherine (Merritt) Damon (see footnote, p. 63). It is a tradition in this part of the Litchfield family that there is Rogers ancestry, but none has been proven.

Children of John<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Woodworth) Vinal: *Jacob*,<sup>4</sup> "Jr.," b. Dec. 19, 1691 (see below); *Elijah*,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 19, 1694, prob. d. young; *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 26, 1697, m. — Bates; *John*,<sup>4</sup> "3d.," b. Sept. 8, 1699, m. Sarah Cudworth; *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> b. Nov. 13, 1701, m. (prob.) Joseph Hayden, 1723; *Ezekiel*,<sup>4</sup> b. June 4, 1704, m. Mary Wade, and removed to Maine; *Hannah*,<sup>4</sup> b. June 11, 1707, m. (prob.) Nathaniel Wade, 1729; *Sarah*,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 28, 1711, prob. d. young; and *Ruth*<sup>4</sup> (named in will). On Jan. 5, 1750, Jacob Vinal, 3d, had been appointed gdn. of *Ruth*,<sup>4</sup> *John*,<sup>4</sup> *Elizabeth*,<sup>4</sup> *Ezekiel*<sup>4</sup> and *Mary*,<sup>4</sup> and on June 14, 1765, all the guardianship accounts (except that of John<sup>4</sup>) were filed by Jacob, 3d, and were allowed by the court at Plymouth.

*Jacob*<sup>4</sup> Vinal, Jr., m. Apr. 30, 1716, Elizabeth Simmons (see below), and they had the following children: *Elizabeth*,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 8, 1717, m. (prob.) Jacob Wade, 1736; *Jacob*,<sup>3</sup> Jr. ("4th"), b. Apr. 15, 1719, m. Lydia Holbrook, 1743; *Joseph*,<sup>5</sup> b. June 21, 1721, m. Martha Jenkins, 1745; *Priscilla*,<sup>5</sup> m. *Samuel*<sup>4</sup> *Litchfield* (above), and *Mary*,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 10, 1725, m. (prob.) James Jenkins, 1747.

In the First Parish burying-ground, Scituate, there is a gravestone, marked as follows: "Here lyes ye body of Mrs Mary Uinal ye wife to Mr John Uinal who dyed July ye 18th d[ay] 1723 (?) in ye 53 year of har age." Can anyone identify her?

*Elizabeth Simmons* (Symons), b. Aug. 27, 1686 (older than her husband), was dau. of Aaron<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Woodworth) Simmons (Symons, etc.) of Scituate, and grand-daughter of "Moyses Symonson," who came in the ship *Fortune* in 1621, and d. 1689.

The Woodworths mentioned in these notes are descendants of Walter<sup>1</sup> Woodworth, freeman in Scituate in 1640, one of whose great-great-great-grandsons was Samuel<sup>7</sup> Woodworth, the poet, the author of "The Old Oaken Bucket," the scene of which poem, and the well itself, are in Greenbush (see picture opposite page 141).

*Authorities* on Vinal and Simmons: Deane's Scituate, Plym. Prob. and Deed records, Mrs. M. L. T. Alden (in Boston Evening Transcript).

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.\*

Mch. 7, 1768. Samuel Litchfield, and wife, Priscilla, for £116: 4s.: 8d., to Daniel Damon (Family No. 42), Scituate, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$  A. land in Scituate, being the westerly portion of the homestead-place which was owned by Samuel<sup>3</sup> Litchfield (his father) at death. Also one-half of the salt meadow owned with his cousin, Josiah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 28). Witnesses: Benjamin Studley and Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield. [Vol. liv: p. 75.]

Apr. 7, 1768. Samuel Litchfield, for £9: 12s., to Ebenezer Mott, 2 A. 96 rds. land in "Conihasset." [Vol. liv: p. 59.]

Dec. 26, 1768. Samuel Litchfield, for £8: 12s., to Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 36), 2 A. 64 rds. land which was part of the estate of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Litchfield, of Scituate, deceased. [Vol. lv: p. 42.]

Dec. 20, 1769. Samuel Litchfield, for £3: 9d., to Daniel Damon (Family No. 42), Scituate, housewright, 2 A. 58 rds. land near Stockbridge's saw-mill [Greenbush]. Witnesses: John and "Barsheba" Damon. Rec. Apr. 14, 1790. [Vol. lxx: p. 40.]

May 1, 1779. Samuel Litchfield, for £100, to "Larance" (Lawrence<sup>5</sup> — Family No. 120) Litchfield, "ship-joiner," 10 A. land, part of grantor's farm, near land of Damon, Peakes and Sutton. [Vol. lxii: p. 47.]

May 10, 1787. Samuel Litchfield, Scituate, for £50, to "Lilly" and Deborah Litchfield [his daughters], "spinsters," both of Scituate, 8 A. upland, one-half of the farm on which grantor dwelt. Rec. May 23, 1792. [Vol. lxxii: p. 239.]

## Abstracts from Scituate First Church records:

Abigail Daugt of Samuel Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> was baptized 1 May 1743

Elizabeth Daugt of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> Baptized 4 Nov. 1744

Abigail Daugt of Samuel Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> baptized 26 Ap<sup>l</sup> 1747

Laurance Son of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> [baptized] 14 May 1749

Hannah Daugt of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> bap<sup>t</sup> May 10, 1752

Priscilla daugt of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchf<sup>ld</sup> j<sup>un</sup> baptized 7 July 1754

Olive Daugt of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> baptised 4 June 1758

Deborah the Daughter of Sam<sup>l</sup> Litchfield j<sup>un</sup> baptiz<sup>d</sup> June 5, 1763

It will be noted in the above list of baptisms, that the name of Lillis does not appear. It is probable that she was baptized, but as it would customarily have occurred about 1761, or 1762,

\* See deed also of Family No. 28.

after the dismissal of Rev. Shearjashub Bourn, and before the pastorate of Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor began, the ordinance was not recorded in the church book by the officiating minister. There are two *hiatuses* in the baptismal records, viz., from July 13, 1761 (baptism by Mr. Bourn) to Aug. 15, 1762 (baptism by Rev. Mr. Angier of Bridgewater), and from this latter date to May 15, 1763 (baptism by Mr. Grosvenor). The supplying clergymen failed for some reason to make a record of the ordinances they performed.

The Scituate town records have been examined without avail to discover the record of the births of the following children. From the baptismal order, together with some later family records, the approximate or known date of each one's birth is set down. Morse's Litchfield Genealogy gives all the names (but only one Abigail), *without dates*. Deane's Scituate gives only scattering names of Litchfields beyond the third generation. The failure of Deane to give a greater amount of space in his history to the Litchfield family, large and always important in Scituate, is difficult to explain.

Children of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Priscilla (Vinal) Litchfield, all (probably) born at Scituate :

- i. ABIGAIL,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1743 ; d. before 1747.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1744 ; m. James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, her second cousin, Family No. 62. Great-grandparents of compiler.
120. iii. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1747 ; m. James Bates, 1765.
121. iv. LAWRENCE, b. Feb. 19, 1749 ; m. Rachel Clapp, 1777.
122. v. HANNAH, b. abt. 1752 ; m. Levi Bates, 1772.
123. vi. PRISCILLA, b. abt. 1754 ; m. Richard Kilby, 1774.
124. vii. OLIVE, b. in 1758 ; m. Galen Lincoln and Jared Joy.
125. viii. LILLIS (Lillias, Lily), b. abt. 1760 ; d. unm., Dec. 24, 1843.
126. ix. DEBORAH, b. Dec. 27, 1763 ; m. Nathaniel Vinal, Jr., 1793.

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ABIGAIL<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, Feb. 23, 1716-17. Married in Scituate, May 15, 1740 (Second Parish records), to James<sup>4</sup> Cudworth, Jr., of Scit-

uate. Their "intentions" were filed March 8, 1739-40, and in the entry her name appears as "Abigal."

James<sup>4</sup> Cudworth, Jr., was the son of James<sup>3</sup>\* and Elizabeth

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\* James<sup>3</sup> Cudworth, b. Jan., 1682, was son of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> and Sarah (Jackson) Cudworth, and grandson of General ("Major") James<sup>1</sup> Cudworth. The father of James Cudworth was Rev. Ralph Cudworth, D.D., of Cambridge, England, a graduate of Emmanuel College, rector of Aller, Somersetshire, who d. in 1624. Among other children of Rev. Ralph Cudworth, was his famous son, Rev. Ralph Cudworth (Jr.), D. D., of Emmanuel College, who became Master of Christ College, Cambridge, Eng., Chaplain to James I, and author of the so-called "Intellectual System." From the latter connection, he was known as "Intellectual Cudworth" (see any Biographical Dictionary).

The name of the mother of General James<sup>1</sup> Cudworth is somewhat in doubt, but preponderance of opinion makes her name *Mary Machel* (or *Machell*). Among the historical papers in possession of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, is a copy of the "Pedigree of the *Mali Catuli* or Saxon Family of Machell, Lords of Crakenthorpe in Westmoreland, with the Collateral Branches of the Machells of Lincoln, Bucks, Essex, Surrey and London." From these papers (perhaps not wholly reliable), it is learned that the maternal grandfather of Gen. James Cudworth was *John Machell*, a descendant in the 18th generation from *Ulf le Machell de Catulino*, one of whose sons was *Halth le Machel*, time of Henry I, about 1100-1135, A. D., who, by wife, Eva, was the ancestor of this family. *John Machell* was of Tangle, in Surrey, and m. Jane, dau. of Sir Nicholas Woodroffe, Knt.; they had several children, among whom was *Mary*, nurse of Prince Henry, son of James I; *Mary* m. 1st, Rev. Ralph Cudworth, Sr.; she m. 2nd, Rev. John Stoughton, D. D., who d. May 4, 1639. In the will of Rev. John Stoughton, 1639, he names his wife *Jane*, and *her father Brown*, of Frampton, Dorsetshire. This has led some to believe that Rev. Ralph Cudworth, Sr., had two wives, and that General James Cudworth's mother might have been Jane Brown, dau. and heiress of John Brown, aforesaid. But, if we assume that Rev. John Stoughton was *married twice*, first to *Mary* (Machel) Cudworth, and secondly, to Jane Brown, the mystery is dispelled somewhat.

It is known that James<sup>1</sup> Cudworth, who lived in Scituate, and Rev. Ralph Cudworth, Jr., of England, were brothers, although the former was born in 1605 and the latter in 1617 (see index to a recent volume of the Proceedings of the Society of Colonial Wars). It seems probable that the *mother of both was Mary Machel*. It is related that, a few years ago, the present Canon Machel of England, an anti-quarian of reputation, meeting a descendant of General James Cudworth, at an English country-house, claimed him as "Cousin," by reason of the relationship of General Cudworth to the Machels, discovered as a result of his own investigations.

James<sup>1</sup> Cudworth was at Scituate in 1634; he is called "salter," and "gentleman," on the records; removed to Barnstable but returned after a few years. He stood for a fair dealing toward the Quakers, and met with much opposition on this account from other magistrates. He was Deputy Assistant, and in 1681, Deputy-Governor. In King Philip's war, he was commandant of the forces of the United Colonies, and was, after Winslow, the most important man in Plymouth Colony. He wrote many letters of historical importance; one of these, addressed to Dr. Stoughton of Aldermanbury, Eng., in 1634, describes the state of affairs here; calls Rev. Zechariah Symmes (see footnote, page 1, this Genealogy), cousin; refers to his uncles, apparently in New England, one of whom, Thomas, is about to be married; sends messages to his brothers and sisters. He died in 1682, in England, of smallpox, while acting in the capacity of Colonial Agent. In 1657, he had been Commissioner of the United Colonies. The last will and testament of "Major" James Cudworth, dated Sept. 15, 1681, was presented at Court, Nov. 2, 1682. The two witnesses made oath, July 7, 1682. The legatees named are: James, Israel and Jonathan, his three sons; *Joannah* Jones, his dau.; Israel, Robert



(White) Cudworth, and was born in Scituate, Feb. 26, 1714-15, and was baptized "10-6-1718" (First Church records). He died about 1781, as on Apr. 17, 1781 (Plym. Probate Rec.), administration on his estate was granted to his son Zephaniah.<sup>5</sup> On May 14, 1781, an inventory of his estate, in which he is called "Gentleman," was made; this amounted to £401: 6s.: 8d.

The following is from Plymouth Co. Registry :

June 24, 1796. Deed of division between Zephaniah Cudworth, gentleman; Israel Cudworth, yeoman; Abigail and Rachell Cudworth, single women; Benjamin Holmes, gentleman; and Keziah Holmes, his wife, all of Scituate, of three tracts or parcels of land which came to them as heirs-at-law of their father, James Cudworth.

James and Mary Whetcom (Whitcomb), four children of his dau. Mary (Plym. Col. Rec., vol. iv, Wills, etc., p. 8). The wife of General James Cudworth bore the name of Sarah. Her family name may have been Stoughton, and her father, Rev. Dr. Stoughton, before referred to (see N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., vol. xiv: p. 101), but many doubt this. They joined the church, Jan. 18, 1634/5.

Children of James<sup>1</sup> and Sarah (Stoughton?) Cudworth, bapt. in Scituate: James<sup>2</sup> (Capt.), bapt. in father's house, May 3, 1635, m. Mary Howland, had seven ch.; Mary, bapt. July 23, 1637, m. Robert Whitcomb, 1660, had five ch.; Jonathan, bapt. Sept. 16, 1638, d. soon after; Israel, bapt. Apr. 18, 1641, m. Joanna —, had one dau. Mary, who m. Jacob Vinal; Joannah, bapt. Mch. 25, 1643, m. — Jones; Jonathan (named in will); and a son, d. very young, buried June 24, 1644.

Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> b. abt. 1639, m. 1st, May 31, 1667 (Scit. Rec.), Sarah, dau. Jonathan Jackson (who was he?); his estate was admn'd in 1718. Their children: Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 7, 1667, m. Feb. 14, 1703/4, Sarah Joy (*Joseph,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), nine ch., admn'n 1724; Bethia, b. Nov. 25, 1671, d. Dec. 1671; Hannah, b. May 8, 1674, m. Thomas Hatch, 1695/6; Sarah, b. 1676; Jonathan, Jr., b. Apr. 15, 1679, m. 1709, Elizabeth Hyland; James (see below), b. Jan. 1682; Israel, b. Oct. 18, 1683, m. Hannah Knight, 1710; Rachel, b. Oct. 11, 1689, m. 1712, Moses Symons (Simmons). Jonathan<sup>2</sup> m. 2nd, Elizabeth —, to whom dower in his estate was assigned in 1719.

James<sup>3</sup> Cudworth (b. 1682), m. Jan. 1, 1712/13, Elizabeth White, b. Jan. 1, 1688, bapt. (after marriage) Aug. 10, 1718 (First Ch. Rec.), dau. of Timothy and Abigail (Rogers) White, and grand-dau. of John Rogers of Marshfield, and of Gowin White of Scituate. See footnote, p. 156. The children of James<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (White) Cudworth were: James<sup>4</sup> Jr., b. 1714/15, m. Abigail<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (as above); Elizabeth, b. Aug. 18, 1718; and Zephaniah, b. Dec. 17, 1719, prob. d. unm.

*Authorities and References:* Deane's Scituate; Drummond's *John Rogers of Marshfield*; Scituate town and church records; Henry W. Haddon, N. Y. City; Henry L. Clapp (in "Fifty Ancestors," pp. 43-44); Genealogical Guide to Early Settlers of America (Spirit of '76); Palfrey's Hist. N. E., vol. iii: p. 424; Waters's Genealogical Gleanings in England, p. 180; N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., vol. xiv: p. 101; vol. xxi: p. 249; vol. xxx: p. 464; Goodwin's Pilgrim Republic, p. 502; Swift's Barnstable Families, vol. i: pp. 252-275; Daniel's Hist. Oxford, Mass., p. 453; Davis's Landmarks of Plymouth, p. 150; Stearns's Hist. Rindge, N. H., p. 494; Guild's Stiles Gen., p. 474; American Ancestry, vol. iii: p. 170; Savage's Gen. Dict.; and pp. 7, 8, 9, 18, 19, 30, 32, 38 of this Genealogy.

To Zephaniah, two-sixths; to Israel, Abigail and Rachell, one-sixth each; and Benjamin and Keziah Holmes, one-sixth. *First* piece: land with dwelling-house, barn and corn-house, lying near the Meeting-house, and where James Cudworth last lived. [This was very probably the present residence of Mrs. Stillman Litchfield, known as the Thorndike place, at Scituate Centre.] *Second* piece: pasture land on road "just below where the old meeting [house] stood near the widow Mary Otis." *Third* piece: salt marsh of 4 A., near the cross-way going on to "farm neck," near land of Isaac Litchfield and John Cudworth. Witness: Hayward Peirce. Rec. Nov. 27, 1796. [Vol. lxxx: p. 14.]

Among the deaths of 1794 (without month or day) on the Scituate town records, is that of "Widow Abigail Cudworth." James Cudworth and family lived in Scituate Centre.

The following are from the Scituate First Parish (or Church) Records:

Abigail, wife of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> owned y<sup>e</sup> Cov<sup>t</sup> & was Baptized 5 July 1741

James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> Renewed his Cov<sup>t</sup> & brôt his Son Samuel to Baptism 5 July 1741

Elizabeth Daug<sup>t</sup> of James Cudw<sup>th</sup> j<sup>ur</sup> was baptized 1 May 1743

Abigail Daug<sup>t</sup> of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> baptized 26 May 1745

Rachel Daug<sup>t</sup> of James Cudworth J<sup>ur</sup> baptized 17 May 1747

Keziah Daug<sup>t</sup> of James Cudworth J<sup>ur</sup> was &c. [baptized] 11 M<sup>ch</sup> 1749

Zephaniah Son of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> [baptized] 26 Ap<sup>l</sup> 1752

Melser Son of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> baptized 15 Sep<sup>t</sup> 1754

Israel Son of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> baptised 12th June 1757

Abigail wife of James Cudworth j<sup>ur</sup> [admitted] 5 aug<sup>t</sup> 1744.

Children\* of James and <sup>\*</sup>Abigail<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Cudworth, probably all born at Scituate:

127. i. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> *Cudworth*, b. abt. 1741; perhaps d. unm.

128. ii. ELIZABETH<sup>†</sup> *Cudworth*, b. abt. 1743; m. Israel Cowing, 1762 (see page 112.)

\* Where the full date of birth is given, it is found on the Scituate town books. In other cases the year of birth is approximated to the date of baptism.

† Elizabeth, dau. Benjamin and Mary (Little) Cudworth, bapt. June 19, 1743, died Dec. 26, 1745. Elizabeth, dau. Israel, Jr., and Mary (Merritt) Cudworth, bapt. Nov. 18, 1739, married Noah Nash, Nov. 4, 1756, as appears in Israel's will. There was another Elizabeth (see preceding footnote on Cudworth family), b. Aug. 18, 1718, dau. James<sup>3</sup> (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *Gen. James*<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth (White) Cudworth, who is not accounted for. (From memoranda of Henry W. Hardon, N. Y. City, 1903.)

129. iii. ABIGAIL\* *Cudworth*, b. Apr. 21, 1745; living in 1796, unm.
130. iv. RACHEL\* *Cudworth*, b. Apr. 8, 1747; living in 1796, unm.
131. v. KEZIA\* *Cudworth*, b. Nov. 24, 1749; m. Benjamin Holmes, 1777.
132. vi. ZEPHANIAH\* *Cudworth*, b. Feb. 13, 1752; m. Elizabeth Studley, 1773.
133. vii. MELZAR ("Melser") *Cudworth*, b. abt. 1754; perhaps unm.
134. viii. ISRAEL\* *Cudworth*, b. Mch. 15, 1757; m. Mercy Cudworth,† 1784.

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SARAH<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>), was born in Scituate, June 5, 1718. According to Second Parish records, she was married at Scituate, Feb. 23, 1737-8 (int. Jan. 14, 1737-8, Scit. town records), by Rev. Nathaniel Eells, to James Nash, born in Scituate, Apr. 2, 1708, bapt. July 28, 1717 (2nd Ch. rec.), son of Joseph‡ and Hannah (Curtis) Nash. James

\* See deed, dated June 24, 1783, of property to Thomas<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 36), in which these children, "heirs of James Cudworth," are named as grantors. Israel<sup>5</sup> and Zephaniah<sup>5</sup> Cudworth served in the Revolution. See also Plymouth Probate records.

† Dau. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> (*Nathaniel*,<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *Gen. James*<sup>1</sup>) and Mary (Little) Cudworth.

‡ Joseph Nash, says Deane's Scituate (pages 314-15), was son of Joseph Nash of Boston, where he was born in 1678, "and on coming of age settled in Scituate, at Stoney cove brook (afterward the residence of Dr. Isaac Otis, and of his son, Dr. James Otis)." On Jan. 1, 1700 (Scit. Rec.), *Joseph Nash m. Hannah Curtis* (prob. b. 1681, dau. John Curtis and Miriam Brooks, see Deane, p. 252), and had the following children, recorded at Scituate: Joseph, Jr., b. Jan. 28, 1701/2, bapt. July 28, 1717, m. 1730, Deborah Merritt; John, b. Aug. 8, 1703, bapt. July 28, 1717, m. 1728, Hannah Buck; Hannah, b. Mch. 7, 1704/5, bapt. July 28, 1717, m. (prob.) Apr. 1, 1731, Samuel Brown; *James* (see above), m. *Sarah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield*; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 2, 1709/10, bapt. July 28, 1717; David, b. May 11, 1712, bapt. July 28, 1717, prob. d. small pox, 1792, m. 1740, Penelope Merritt (see Family No. 13); Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1713/14, "died early" (Deane); Ephraim, b. Jan. 19, 1715/16; Simeon, b. May 8, 1717, bapt. July 1, 1717, m. 1740, Lydia Church; Mercy, b. Feb. 25, 1718/19, bapt. May 3, 1719; Elisha, b. July 4, 1722, bapt. July 8, 1722, m. Jan. 3, 1754, Abigail White; and Mary, b. Apr. 21, 1724, bapt. July 19, 1724. These baptisms are from the Scituate Second Parish records, which are appearing in the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, beginning with January, 1903.

"Joseph Nash ye Sonne of Joseph Nash of boston was born June — 1678" (Scit. town records). "Joseph Nash was recieud into full Communion August 3<sup>d</sup> 1718" and "Hannah Nash the Wife of Joseph Nash was admitted to Communion in the Chh Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1720" (Second Ch. records). Deane "supposes" that Joseph Nash

was an uncle of Priscilla Nash, who married Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 46), brother of Sarah.<sup>4</sup> In 1768 and 1774 James was appointed guardian for his minor children, viz., James, Jr., Elizabeth, John and Ruth, on account of property which was accruing to them from the estate of their grandfather, Samuel<sup>3</sup> Lechfield, deceased. (Plym. Prob. Rec.).

"Sarah Nash wife of James Nash Dyed January y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> (? — *indistinct*) 1760" (Scit. Rec.). James married, 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 23, 1765, Hopestill Egge.\* James died about 1773.

On Oct. 22, 1773, James Nash (Jr.), was appointed admr. on the estate of his father, deceased. Benjamin Jacob and Increase Clapp were sureties on his bond. The amount of the inventory was £355: 11s.: 8d. The real estate consisted of 1½ A. salt marsh, 2½ A. cedar swamp, one-half interest in a grist-mill, and the homestead with buildings thereon. On Nov. 9, 1791, a division of the estate was made; to James Nash, the eldest son, two shares were allowed, and to the following, one share each: John Nash, Sarah Rogers (wife of Joshua Rogers of Chesterfield), Elizabeth Nash, Mary Nash, and Ruth Curtis (wife of Samuel Curtis, 3rd), all children of James Nash, Sr.

The following are from Scituate First Parish records:

Sarah wife of James Nash owned y<sup>e</sup> Cov<sup>t</sup> & was Baptized 30 July 1738.

(just named) was "son of James Nash, an early settler in Weymouth." Joseph bought a house and lands at Greenfield lane, in Scituate, in 1670, of Walter Hatch, but removed to Boston before 1678. His will, dated May 22, 1732, names wife Hannah, sons Joseph, Jr., David (executors, with mother), Simeon, Elisha and James (bequest of £50), and daus. Hannah Brown, Elizabeth Nash, Mercy Nash, and Mary Nash. It was probated July 13, 1732 (Plym. Prob. Rec.). See account of the families of Brooks, Curtis and Nash in Henry L. Clapp's "Fifty Ancestors" (1902). Compare with Deane.

\* First Ch. rec.: "James Nash & Hopestill Agry both of Scit: [married] 23 May 1765." Compare with Hist. of Hingham, vol. ii: p. 211, for her family. She survived her husband, and d. in Scituate in 1812; no settlement of her estate has been found. In 1791, when the final division of James's estate was made, one item in the administrator's account which was allowed, reads: "Paid to Hopestill Nash being *one third* of the moveable [personal] estate as *per* her receipt, £20: 12s.: 11d." Hopestill is again mentioned in the settlement of the estate of her *step-daughter*, Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Nash (Family No. 138).

They had one dau. *Eunice*; "James Nash & Wife renew'd Covenant & offer'd their Daughter *Unice* to God in Baptism 26 July 1767" (First Ch. rec.). She d. before 1791.







The Elijah<sup>7</sup> Peirce house, Main street, North Scituate, Mass.  
As it appeared in 1877. Built in 1832. Now changed into the modern summer residence of  
Silas<sup>9</sup> Peirce of Brookline. Until this house was built, the ancient house of Capt.  
Michael<sup>1</sup> Peirce stood opposite, within the wall shown in the picture.

(See pp. 102, 104.)



James Nash owned y<sup>e</sup> Cov<sup>t</sup> & joined with his wife in bringing their Daug<sup>t</sup>. Sarah to Baptism — 3<sup>d</sup>. June 1744

Mary Daug<sup>t</sup>. of James Nash baptized 27 July 1746

James Son of James Nash baptized 6 Nov 1748

Elizabeth Daug<sup>t</sup>. of James Nash baptized 10 May 1752

John Son of James Nash baptized by Mr Gay\* 21 Sept 1755

Ruth Daug<sup>t</sup> of James Nash was baptised 6 May 1759

Sarah wife of James Nash admitted to Com[munion] 3 Oct: 1757.

Children of James and Sarah<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Nash, all recorded at Scituate :

135. i. SARAH<sup>5</sup> *Nash*, b. Mch. 19, 1743; m. Joshua Rogers, Jr., 1764; res. Chesterfield.
136. ii. MARY ("Molly") *Nash*, b. May 28, 1746; mentioned in will of sister, Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> in 1800.
137. iii. JAMES *Nash*, Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1748; m. Ruth Merritt, 1776.
138. iv. ELIZABETH *Nash*, b. Nov. 1, 1751; d. unm. in 1800.
139. v. JOHN *Nash*, b. Aug. 13, 1755; d. 1818, *non compos mentis*.
140. vi. RUTH *Nash*, b. Dec. 13, 1758; m. Samuel Curtis, 3rd, 1777.

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JUDITH<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was often called "Juda," "Judey," and "Jude." She was probably born in Scituate, as Deane and Morse say, in "1720."

On Dec. 8, 1741 (First Ch. rec.), she was married, at Scituate, to Daniel Damon, "housewright," born in Scituate, Apr. 23, 1716, son of Daniel† and Bathsheba (Sylvester) Damon.

\* This was Rev. Ebenezer Gay, who was pastor in Hingham, 1718-1787 (Hist. Hingham, vol. i, part 2: pp. 24 *et seq.*). At this time, Rev. Shearjashub Bourn, the pastor of Scituate, was suffering from a paralytic affection (see Deane, p. 186).

† Daniel Damon, mentioned as a Conihasset partner in 1732, was a son of Zachary<sup>2</sup> and Martha (Woodworth) Damon, who resided at Scituate, north of Symons's hill. The ch. of Lieut. Zachary<sup>2</sup> were: Martha,<sup>3</sup> b. July, 1682, m. Edward Jenkins, 1705; John,<sup>3</sup> b. June, 1684, m. Elizabeth Oldham; Zachary<sup>3</sup> (or Zechariah), Jr., b. June, 1686, m. Mehitable Chittenden, 1711/12; Daniel<sup>3</sup> (see below), b. Mch. 1688; Mary, b. Mch. 1690, m. Thomas Tobey (Toby), 1711; Abigail, b. Oct. 1692; Hannah, b. Nov. 1694, m. Elijah Perry, 1722; and Mehitable, b. Feb. 1696, m. Jonathan Merritt, 1728. Lieut. Zachary<sup>2</sup> Damon was son of John<sup>1</sup> and Katherine (Merritt) Damon (see footnote, p. 63).

Daniel<sup>3</sup> Damon, bapt. Oct. 23, 1709, as an adult, m. 1st, at Scit., Jan. 3, 1711/12, Bathsheba Sylvester, and had four ch., viz., Hannah,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 24, 1713, m. (prob.) Thomas Faunce, 1732; Daniel,<sup>4</sup> Jr. (see above); Isaac,<sup>4</sup> b. Sept. 17, 1718; Joseph,<sup>4</sup> b. Dec. 16, 1720, m. (prob.), Joanna Damon, 1742. Daniel<sup>3</sup> Damon m.

Deane says: "Daniel Damon was a man of distinction, often employed in the business of the town, and was also a Representative." He was a member of the Legislature of Massachusetts in 1780, and the same year was a special delegate to the Convention which ratified the State Constitution.

Daniel Damon died in 1788, and left a will. His wife survived.

Most of the descendants of this family remained in Scituate, but through the sons, Daniel and Samuel, who removed to New Hampshire and Vermont, respectively, there is a wide scattering of this family in New England. See deeds of Family No. 39.

#### WILL\* OF DANIEL DAMON.

**In the Name of God Amen**—I Daniel Dammon of Scituate in the County of Plymouth Housewright being infirm in body tho of sound & disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament after recommending my Soul to God who gave it and body to decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter named do dispose of my worldly goods as followeth viz—

Imprimis—I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Juda Dammon the use and improvement of the whole of my real estate so long as she remains my widow—

Item—I give to my son Daniel Dammon six shillings to be paid by my executors hereafter named.

Item—I give to my son John Dammon two acres and a half of wood land lying near Samuel Stockbridges sawmill to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item—I give to my son Samuel Dammon a piece of land to the northward of the highway reserved for my son Simeon bounded as follows, beginning at a stake and stones by s<sup>d</sup> way then runs twenty four rods to an oak stump then near northerly ranging with a wall then with s<sup>d</sup> wall to the land of Joshua Dammon then with his land half way to the corner then near south next to a stake by a ditch then to the first corner to him his heirs and assigns forever.

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2nd, July 27, 1721, at Scit., Jemima Stetson ("Stutson"), by whom he had the following ch.: Bathsheba<sup>4</sup> ("Barshua"), b. April 30, 1722, m. Isaac Wilder, 1744; Jemima,<sup>4</sup> b. Mch. 9, 1723/4; Robert,<sup>4</sup> b. Mch. 3, 1726/7, removed to Chesterfield, m. (prob.) Mary Brooks, 1750; Amos,<sup>4</sup> b. Aug. 1, 1729, removed to Chesterfield; and Abiel,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 11, 1732, was perhaps of Abington. The compiler is working upon a genealogy of John<sup>1</sup> Damon's descendants, being assisted by Miss S. R. Damon, North Scituate. They solicit correspondence.

\* Dated Feb. 12, 1788. Proved July 15, 1788. Plym. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. xxx: p. 377.

Item — I give to my son Simeon Dammon a piece of land bounded as follows beginning at the corner by Stephen Dammons fence then runs to a stake and stones the corner of the land given to my son Samuel Dammon then northerly to a stake by a ditch then with his land till it comes to the land of Joshua Dammon then all the land to the eastward of the last mentioned line also a piece of salt marsh lying near James Turners at a place called Dammons Neck containing three acres and thirty seven rods to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item — I give to my son Joshua Dammon a piece of land bounded as follows beginning at an oak stump being a corner of the land given to my son Samuel Dammon then runs to the highway by the ridge near his house to the eastward of s<sup>d</sup> ridge or highway till it comes to the land of Ebenczer Simmons deceased then with the land of Isaac Dammon till it comes within eight rods of the wall then parallel with s<sup>d</sup> wall twenty rods then eight rods to the land given to my son Samuel Dammon then on a straight line to the first corner also a piece of salt marsh lying to the westward of the land of Joseph Cudworth containing two acres and a quarter and some rods be the same more or less to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my daughter Bathsheba Dammon one acre of land lying to the westward of the wall by the land given to my son Samuel Dammon being eight rods wide and twenty rods long to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my sons Samuel Dammon Simeon Dammon & Joshua Dammon and my daughters Bathsheba Dammon & Abigail Dammon to be equally divided between them a piece of land containing seventeen acres & three quarters lying near Seth Merrets land to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I appoint my sons Simeon Dammon & Joshua Dammon executors to this my last will and testament & do hereby give to my s<sup>d</sup> executors all the remainder of my real and personal estate not particularly mentioned in this my last will and testament to be equally divided between them they equally paying all my just debts funeral charges and settlement of the estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth day of February Anno 1788

DANIEL DAMON



Signed sealed published & declared by the s<sup>d</sup> Daniel Dammon to be his last will and testament in presence of

Samuel Simmons

Joseph Jacob

Leah Simmons

The baptisms, etc., of this family are found upon the records of the Scituate Second parish, now the Unitarian Church in Norwell. Judith, wife of Daniel Damon, was bapt. July 4, 1742; their children were baptized as follows: Daniel, Jr., Aug. 22, 1742; John, July 1, 1744; Bathsheba, May 3, 1748; Simeon, Aug. 30, 1752; and Joshua, May 8, 1757. The births of Daniel, Jr., Joshua, Bathsheba and Abigail, and the baptisms of Samuel and Abigail have not been ascertained. Of the sons, it is quite certain that four served in the Revolution, and possibly all. It will be noted that four of these sons married into the Bowker family, of which Hannah and Eunice were sisters, and Anna and Lucy, sisters, respectively.

Children of Daniel and Judith<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Damon, probably all born at Scituate:

141. i. DANIEL<sup>5</sup> *Damon*, Jr., b. abt. 1742; m. Hannah Bowker, 1761; removed to Westmoreland, N. H.
142. ii. JOHN *Damon*, b. Mch. 26, 1744; m. Eunice Bowker, 1771. Served in Revolution.
143. iii. BATHSHEBA *Damon*, b. abt. 1747; named in father's will, 1788.
144. iv. SAMUEL *Damon*, b. Apr. 16, 1749; m. Anna Bowker, 1771. Served in Revolution.
145. v. SIMEON *Damon*, b. Aug. 15, 1751; m. Lucy Bowker, 1780. Served in Revolution.
146. vi. JOSHUA *Damon*, b. abt. 1757; m. Wealthy<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 44), 1782. Served in Revolution.
147. vii. ABIGAIL *Damon*, named in father's will, in 1788, as unm.

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HANNAH<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, undoubtedly, although her birth has not been found on the records. Morse and Deane say that it occurred in 1721.

Married, at Scituate (First Ch. rec.), Dec. 24, 1752 (int. Aug. 8th.), to Benjamin Studley of Hanover, son of Eliab\* and Mary

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\* "The first mill erected on Studley Mill Brook, at the place where there is a mill, near the West Hanover R. R. station (1889), of which we have any account, was improved by Eliab Studley, about 1730. It was known as 'Eliab's Mill'" (Briggs's *Shipbuilding on North River*, pp. 25, 26). Barry's Hist. Hanover (page 393) says that Eliab Studley "was a noted Tavern keeper, his house being a

(Briggs) Studley. They resided the larger part of their married life in Hanover, where Benjamin was selectman, 1778-1781 and 1787-1788. He was on the Committee of Correspondence and Safety in 1775 and other years, and served in the Revolution, in the capacity of First Lieutenant.

The following is taken from Briggs's *Shipbuilding on North River*, page 9:

In 1730, the records of Hanover speak of the forge or iron foundry of Thomas Bardin, as the "old iron works." Before 1740 we find these iron works in the possession of the Josselyns, who had so much trouble with the town in regard to their dam, which prevented the herring from ascending the river (North) to their spawning grounds. There were two brothers, Capt. Joseph (also a deacon) who gave a bell to the Centre church and who was a man of great enterprise, and Deacon Thomas, who gave two communion cups to the First church, and who was a selectman at one time. They were succeeded by Seth, Philip, Isaac and *John R. Josselyn*, Lemuel Dwelly, *Benjamin Studley*, and Lemuel Curtis. In 1790, Lemuel Curtis, who lived where Solomon Russell now (1889) resides, sold one quarter of the forge, etc., to his sons, Reuben and Consider Curtis; Philip and Isaac Josselyn had sold out previously. . . . . In 1791, Benjamin Studley and John R. Josselyn sold out to Lemuel Curtis. Seth Josselyn disposed of his interest in 1803. . . . In 1839, Lemuel Dwelley sold his half to George Curtis. Thus George Curtis became the sole owner of the "old iron works."

Late in life Benjamin Studley and his wife, Hannah, removed to Leicester, where several of their children had settled. The date of death of neither has been ascertained, but his probably

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favorite place of public resort." He was the son of Benjamin and Mary (Merritt) Studley (see footnote, page 147). Eliab's wife, Mary Briggs, to whom he was married in 1729, was probably dau. of Joseph and Deborah (Holbrook) Briggs, and born in 1707 (see Deane's Scituate, pp. 225-6). The children of Eliab and Mary (Briggs) Studley, as given by Barry, were: *Benjamin* (see above), m. *Hannah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield*; Martha, m. Jno. Shaw of Abington; Elizabeth, m. Jno. Robinson of Plymouth; James, lost at sea; Thankful, m. 1st, Michael Jackson, 2nd, Seth Keith; Deborah, m. an Erskine; Lucy, m. Seth Stetson; Abigail, m. Thomas Curtis, Jr., 1770; Japhet, b. July 25, 1756, d. 1842, m. Rachel Fearing, 1780, and their dau. Lucy (b. 1788), m. Lewis Litchfield of Hanover, great-great-grandfather of Harry Wheatland Litchfield of North Pembroke, Harvard College, class of 1907; and Joseph, m. Rebecca Stetson, abt. 1764. The death of Eliab's widow, Mary, is thus entered on the church records: "1797, Oct. 16, Widow Studley: Eliab's widow: 90 of old age." This would make her birth-year 1707, as indicated before. Eliab, aged 78, was buried Dec. 13, 1785.



occurred in Leicester, in 1812. He was of Leicester in 1801, when he made his will, in which he calls himself "gentleman." This will, dated Dec. 15, 1801, was filed at the Worcester County Probate office, at Worcester, July 3, 1812, and was probated, July 7, 1812. He makes the following bequests :

To beloved wife, Hannah ("Studly"), "improvement of one third part of all my real estate during the time she does remain my widow."

To eldest son, Eliab, "all my real estate lying in the Town of Hanover . . . . also the sum of twenty five pounds to be paid him in two years after my decease."

To son, Benjamin, "all my real estate lying in the Town of Pembroke . . . . also the sum of twenty five pounds to be paid him in two years after my decease."

To daughter, Hannah ("Moor"), "twenty pounds to be paid her in two years after my decease." These three legacies to be paid by son, Joseph.

To daughter, Mary ("Studly"), thirty pounds, "also all my household furniture and one Cow to be at her disposal." He gave her all necessary supplies of Indian corn, rye, apples, use and improvement of the west lower room in "my old dwelling-house," "with privileges in cellar, at well and in yard, with fire-wood," "so long as she remains single and unmarried, and no longer."

To daughter, Abigail ("Josselyn"), twenty pounds.

To daughter, Deborah ("Woodworth"), twenty pounds. These last three legacies to be paid by son, Benjamin.

To son, Joseph, "the home & lands he now holds by a partition deed."

The executors were the sons, Joseph and Benjamin; the witnesses, William Henshaw, Jr., Asil (Asahel?) Clark and William Henshaw.

A codicil to this will, dated Dec. 17, 1801, gives to sons, Benjamin and Joseph, all farming utensils and tools and the live stock, and to Joseph, the meat tubs and cider barrels. The residue of the estate was also willed to them. The witnesses to this codicil were: Joseph Denny, Catharine Henshaw and William Henshaw.

The inventory of the estate of Benjamin Studley, taken Dec. 28, 1812, mentions "1 Wall pew, \$50.00," and "1 Note of Hand, \$100.00."



The baptisms of the following children of Benjamin Studley are recorded on the Hanover church book: Eliab (with mother) Oct. 13, 1754; Benjamin, June 5, 1757; Abner, June 5, 1757; Hannah, June 1, 1760; Mary, Sept. 2, 1764; James, Sept. 2, 1764; Zenas ("Zenos"), Oct. 7, 1764; Nabby, Aug. 3, 1766.

Children\* of Benjamin and Hannah<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Studley:

148. i. ELIAB<sup>5</sup> ("Elihab") Studley, b. abt. 1753; named as "eldest son" in father's will; m. Betty (Betsey) Stetson of Abington, 1775. Res. Hanover. Served in Revolution.
149. ii. BENJAMIN Studley, Jr., b. abt. 1755; m. Silvester Bonney of Pembroke, 1782. Res. Pembroke, but d. in Leicester, in 1824. Served in Revolution.
150. iii. ABNER Studley, b. abt. 1757; prob. d. young.
151. iv. HANNAH Studley, b. abt. 1759; m. Isaac Moore, 1782. Res. Warren, where descendants live, some of whom are engaged in the manufacture of Moore's Inks.
152. v. MARY Studley, b. abt. 1761; was unm. in 1801.
- vi. JAMES Studley, b. abt. 1762; d. Feb. 7, 1766.
- vii. ZENAS Studley, b. abt. 1764; d. Apr. 11, 1771.
153. viii. ABIGAIL ("Nabby") Studley, b. July 13, 1766; m. John Read Josselyn (Joslin), 1785; lived and d. in Warren.
154. ix. ZENAS Studley, b. abt. 1771; m. abt. 1799, Elizabeth ("Betsey") Earle of Leicester, where they lived.
155. x. JOSEPH Studley, b. abt. 1772; m. 1806, Sarah ("Sally") Watson. Res. Leicester and "Western" (now Warren).
156. xi. DEBORAH Studley, b. abt. 1775; m. Arad Woodworth, 1793. Res. Warren.

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EXPERIENCE<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was probably born in Scituate, in 1723 (Deane). Baptized, Mch. 4, 1749. Served in the Revolution (see appendix), and is reported to have died of injuries received in that conflict, May 1, 1778.

*Experience Litchfield*

[From Revolutionary  
Rolls.]

\* Barry's Hist. Hanover gives an *Elizabeth*, bapt. Oct. 13, 1754, but this is a confusion with *Eliab*.

Married in Scituate, Nov. 28, 1754 (int. Mch. 23, 1754), Rhoda Studley,\* born in Hingham, Aug. 27, 1735, daughter of Jonathan† and Susanna (Lane) Studley. She survived her husband, and died in Scituate, Dec. 9,‡ 1810, aged 75 years. No settlement of the estate of Experience<sup>4</sup> or of his wife has been found.

On the Scituate town records of 1771, 1772 and 1775, "Experience" Litchfield appears as assessed for taxes, but by vote, his "rates" were "allowed" to the constable.

The following are abstracts from the Scituate First Church records:

Experience Litchfield Adult Baptized 4 M<sup>ch</sup> 1749

Rhoda wife of Experience Litchfeild owned Cov<sup>t</sup> & was bap<sup>t</sup> 15 May 1757

Rhoda Daug<sup>t</sup> of Experience Litchfeild was baptized 15 May 1757

Wealthy Daug<sup>t</sup> of Experience Litchfld . . . baptised 1 oct<sup>br</sup> 1758

Jonathan Son of Experience Litch Field baptys<sup>d</sup> 24 Nov. 1760

Children§ of Experience<sup>4</sup> and Rhoda (Studley) Litchfield, probably all born in Scituate:

157. i. RHODA,<sup>5</sup> b. abt. 1757; prob. d. || unm. Oct. 27, 1824.

158. ii. WEALTHY ("Wealthey"), b. abt. 1758; m. Joshua<sup>5</sup> Damon (Family No. 146), her cousin, in 1782.

159. iii. JONATHAN, b. abt. 1760; more information desired.

160. iv. EXPERIENCE (?); more information desired.

\* Morse's Litchfield Genealogy gives this name wrongly as "Shedly."

† Jonathan Studley was the son of Benjamin and Mary (Merritt) Studley (see footnote, p. 147). His wife, Susanna, to whom he was m. in Hingham, Dec. 31, 1724, was dau. of Ebenezer and Hannah (Hersey) Lane. The Hersey and Lane lines of ancestry may be found by consulting the Hist. Hingham, vol. ii: pp. 229, 412. This book, vol. iii: p. 225, gives the ch. of Jonathan and Susanna (Lane) Studley, concerning whom many data have been added by the compiler from a study of deeds, etc. They were (all b. in Hing.): Hannah, b. Nov. 10, 1725, m. Caleb Damon; Sarah, b. May 14, 1727; Ruth, b. Nov. 20, 1729, m. Ichabod Damon of Chesterfield (see footnote, p. 127); Lois, b. Apr. 17, 1731, m. Jesse Wilcutt, 1750; Eunice, b. Apr. 17, 1731 (twin), m. a Russell of Scituate; Rhoda (above), m. Experience<sup>4</sup> Litchfield; Irania ("Rany"), b. Apr. 12, 1737, m. 1st, Abner Cass, 1756, and 2nd, Nicholas<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 64), abt. 1765; and Jonathan, b. Dec. 24, 1738, who m. and lived in Hingham, 1761.

‡ This date is from the town records. On the Scituate Second Church records the date appears as Dec. 11, 1810, with her age.

§ It would appear that the only descendants of this Experience<sup>4</sup> Litchfield are those sprung from the marriage of his dau. Wealthy<sup>5</sup> to Joshua Damon. The name of Experience<sup>5</sup> has been found only on a Litchfield chart belonging to Miss Sarah R. Damon. He may have also served in the Revolution.

|| This death date may have been that of Rhoda (Perry) Litchfield, wife of Lothrop<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Family No. 63.

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DEBORAH<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, in 1725, according to Deane, the substantiation of which date has not been found in town or church record.

Deborah<sup>4</sup> married (Scit. First Ch. Rec.), Jan. 29, 1746-7 (int. Jan. 10th), Obadiah (or Obediah) Merritt, born in Scituate, Mch. 9, 1723, son of Jonathan,\* Jr., and Elizabeth (Whiton) Merritt. "Obadiah Merit y<sup>e</sup> Son of Jonathan Merit jun was Baptised — 11-2-1725" (First Ch. Rec.). He was admitted to the church communion, Aug. 7, 1757. He died in Scituate, survived by his wife, Sept. 13, 1794 (Scit. Town Rec.) He was a builder and owner of ships.† In 1785 he and his son, Noah,<sup>5</sup> owned the schooner "Lively," 56 tons, which was built at Scituate.

## WILL‡ OF OBADIAH MERRITT.

**In the name of God Amen** this 29th day of August A. D. 1794 — I Obadiah Merritt of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, after recommending my body to the earth, & my Soul to God that gave it, do make my last will & testament, & dispose of my estate as follows —

Imprimis — I give to my beloved wife Deborah the use & improvement of all real estate in Scituate or elsewhere after such part thereof shall be sold as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts & charges, excepting such part of said estate as I shall in this my will give to my daughter Lucy, & my sons Noah & Gemaliel particularly, also I give her the use & improvement of all my household furniture excepting such part thereof as in this my will I have given to said Lucy, which improvement as aforesaid I give to my said wife during her natural life.

\* Jonathan Merritt, Jr., was the son of Henry<sup>3</sup> and Deborah (Buck) Merritt (see footnote, p. 106), and was therefore brother of Henry<sup>4</sup> Merritt who m. Hannah<sup>4</sup> Cowing (Family No. 13). The ancestry of the wife (Elizabeth Whiton) of Jonathan Merritt, Jr., may be found in the Hist. of Hingham.

Children of Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Merritt, Jr., by wife Elizabeth, all recorded in Scituate: Deborah,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1711; Nehemiah,<sup>5</sup> b. Oct. 17, 1712; Jonathan,<sup>5</sup> Jr., b. Sept. 16, 1715; Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> b. Apr. 2, 1719; and "Obediah,"<sup>5</sup> b. Mch. 9, 1723, m. Deborah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (as above).

† See Briggs's *Shipbuilding on North River*, p. 246. Scituate was quite a busy centre of shipbuilding in the latter half of the eighteenth and the first half of the nineteenth centuries.

‡ Probated, Sept. 20, 1794. Plym. Co. Prob. Rec., vol. xxxv: p. 39.

Item—I give to my daughter Lucy Merritt my north front room in my now dwelling house, & one quarter part of the garden adjoining said house, with a privilege in the kitchen, cellar, chamber, & well—also my bed, bedstead & furniture belonging to it, now standing in my south front room in my now dwelling house, with all the sheeting & cloth which she hath made now in the house. To hold to her & her heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give to my son Noah Merritt one third part of my Tickner land containing about ten acres, out of that part adjoining to said Noah's house lot. To hold to him his heirs & assigns forever—

Item—I give to my two sons Ensign Merritt & Israel Merritt, all the residue of my said Tickner land to be equally divided between them after my wife's improvement aforesaid expires. To hold to them their heirs & assigns forever.

Item—I give to my son Gemaliel Merritt the dwelling house that he now liveth in, with about three acres of field land which the house now stands on, also the one half of the barn on the place where he now liveth—To hold to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Item—I give to my sons Jonathan Merritt, Noah Merritt, Malichi Merritt, Gemaliel Merritt, Ensign Merritt, & Israel Merritt, & my daughter Lucy Merritt & Deborah Curtis, wife of Eli Curtis Junr. all the residue of my estate both real & personal lying in Scituate aforesaid or elsewhere after such part thereof shall be sold as may be sufficient to pay all my just debts & charges & my wife's use & improvement aforesaid expires, to be equally divided between them, to hold to them their heirs & assigns forever. And I do hereby appoint my two sons Noah Merritt & Ensign Merritt to be executors to this my will, & order them to sell at public sale & pass deeds of so much of my real estate where it can be best spared, as shall be sufficient to pay all my just debts & charges, if my personal estate given for that purpose should be insufficient for the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

N. B. The name "Malichi Merritt" was interlined before signing & sealing.

OBEDIAH MERRITT



Signed sealed & pronounced in presence of

Nath<sup>l</sup>. Winslow

Hayward Peirce

Anthony Waterman Jr.

The inventory of his estate amounted to £533: 17s.: 10d. It included two dwelling houses, two barns, and eighty acres of land.

There was no contest over the will, but the widow, Deborah, waived her rights under it, and accepted dower instead. This estate was rendered insolvent.

The following entries are found in the Scituate First Parish Records:

Hannah Daugt. of Obadiah Merett being sick was baptised privately 30 Jan 1753 [1752/3, prob.]

Obadiah Meritt Renewed Covt. and Deborah his wife owned the Covt. & was baptised 27 May 1753 & They offered their Daugt. Lucy to God in Baptism 27 May 1753.

Charles Son of Obadiah Merritt being sick was bap<sup>ted</sup> privately 4 July 1756.

Jonathan Son of Obediah Merritt baptized 29 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1756.

Noah & Gamaliel the Sons of Obediah Meritt [baptized] June 5, 1763

Deborah Daughter of Obadiah Merit baptiz<sup>d</sup> July 1, 1764.

Malachi, Ensign, Israel children of Obediah Merrit bap: 2 July 1775.

Children of Obadiah and Deborah<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Merritt, all recorded at Scituate:

- i. HANNAH<sup>5</sup> *Merritt*, b. Aug. 20, 1747; d. in Scituate, Jan. 22, 1753.
161. ii. LUCY\* *Merritt*, b. May 11, 1750; unm. in Aug., 1794.
162. iii. JONATHAN† *Merritt*, b. Aug. 23, 1754; living in Aug., 1794.
- iv. CHARLES *Merritt*, b. June 21, 1756; d. in Scituate, July 6, 1756.

\* Lucy Merritt d. in 1818 (Scit. Town Rec.)?

† Did *this* Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Merritt m. *Mary Hilton*, b. in Bristol, Me., May 4, 1762, dau. of Capt. James and Sally (Yeats) Hilton? Jonathan's wife is mentioned in the probating of Capt. James Hilton's will, July 2, 1799, which latter may be found on pp. 359 and 360 of Lincoln Co., Me., Probate Records, printed. (Mrs. Marcia F. Hilton, E. Andover, N. H., 1903.) The N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., April, 1877, vol. xxxi: p. 189, gives the ch. of this James<sup>5</sup> Hilton (wife, *Sarah*). Jonathan "Merrit" owned 40 A. land in Bristol, Me., in 1798, valued at \$300 (see The Gen. Adv., vol. iii: p. 113).



- v. MALACHI *Merritt*, b. July 21, 1757; d. in Scituate, Apr. 21, 1763.
163. vi. NOAH *Merritt*, b. Feb. 26, 1759; m. Elizabeth Bryant, 1786.
- vii. LUKE *Merritt*, b. Oct. 18, 1760; d. in Scituate, Oct. 28, 1760.
164. viii. GAMALIEL *Merritt*, b. Sept. 20, 1761; m. Hannah (Mott) Rose, 1782.
165. ix. DEBORAH *Merritt*, b. Aug. 30, 1763; m. Eli Curtis, Jr., 1786.
166. x. MALACHI *Merritt*, b. Aug. 15, 1765; m. Mercy Webb, 1790.
167. xi. ENSIGN *Merritt*, b. Mch. 2, 1768; m. Sally Cook, 1802.
168. xii. ISRAEL *Merritt*, b. June 3 (?), 1770; m. Celia Little Young, 1797.

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NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, Dec. 5, 1727 (Town Rec.). He served in the Revolution (*vide* Appendix), and late in life removed to Freeport (Maine), where, it is said, both he and his wife died and lie buried at Pote's Burying-ground, Wolf's Neck, Freeport. Their graves have not been identified.

[From Revolutionary  
Rolls.]

*Nathiel Litchfield*

Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> was taxed in Scituate as late as 1789. All of his children were born in Scituate, but all who grew up, except Nathaniel,<sup>5</sup> Jr., settled, married and left descendants in what is now the State of Maine, which was a part of Massachusetts until its independence in 1820.

The intentions of Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield and Priscilla Nash were filed at Scituate, Nov. 21, 1747, and they were married there, Dec. 19, 1747 (First Parish Records). Priscilla<sup>4</sup> Nash was the daughter of John<sup>3</sup> (*Joseph*,<sup>2</sup> *Joseph*<sup>1</sup>: see Deane, p. 314) and Hannah (Buck) Nash, of Scituate, where she was born



June 11, 1729, and baptized\* Dec. 2, 1733 (First Parish Records). She was a niece of James Nash, who married Sarah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 41).

The baptisms of Nathaniel,<sup>4</sup> wife and children (all but first), appear on the Scituate First Church Records, as follows :

Nathanael Litchfield owned the Cov<sup>t</sup> & was baptized 21 Janry 1749.

Priscilla the wife of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfield renewed the cov<sup>t</sup> & took upon herself her baptismal vows 21 Janry 1749.

Priscilla Daug<sup>t</sup> of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfield bap<sup>t</sup> privately being Sick, its mother owning Cov<sup>t</sup> 25 Oct. 1749.

Priscilla Daug<sup>t</sup> of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfld bap : 18 Nov 1750.

Noah Son of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfield was &c [*i. e.* baptized] 18 Mch 1753.

Nathaniel Son of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfld — baptized 1 oct<sup>br</sup> 1758.

Samuel Son of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfld — baptized 1 oct<sup>br</sup> 1758.

Priscilla, Hannah & Zacheus, children of Nathaniel L., Bapt. 6 Oct. 1765.

William, son of Nathaniel, being sick baptiz'd privately, Mch. 25, 1766.

Luther, Son of Nath<sup>1</sup> Litchfield being sick nigh unto Death, baptiz'd privately 7 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1769.

Luther and Lucy, children of Nathaniel L., baptized July 9, 1775.

Children of Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> and Priscilla (Nash) Litchfield, all found (except the first Luther) on Scituate Town Records :

- i. NATHANIEL,<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 8, 1747-8; d. in Scituate, Nov. 1, 1748.
- ii. PRISCILLA, b. Oct. 12, 1749; bapt. Oct. 25, and d. in Scituate, Oct. 26, 1749.
- iii. PRISCILLA, b. June 24, 1750; bapt. Nov. 18, 1750; d. in Scituate, June 24, 1752.
169. iv. NOAH, b. Jan. 24, 1753; m. Mabel Wade; settled in Maine.

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\* "John Nash & Hannah his wife Renewed Covent and brôt their children John Joseph & Priscilla — 2 Decem 1733."

Children of John, "mariner" (admn. in 1745, Plym. Prob. Rec.), and Hannah (Buck) Nash, from Scit. rec.: *Priscilla*, b. June 11, 1729, m. *Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> Litchfield* (above); John, Jr., b. Mch. 15, 1731-32; Joseph, b. Feb. 11, 1732-1733, m. Thankfull Hammond; Noah, b. Jan. 23, 1734-5, m. Elizabeth Cudworth (see footnote, Family No. 40); Zacheus, b. July 12, 1736, d. 1794; also Seth, b. 1738; and Thomas, b. 1740, m. Eunice Stetson. See footnotes on Nash, pp. 215-16.

170. v. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 20, 1754; m. Sarah Mott; lived in Scituate.
171. vi. SAMUEL, b. Apr. 5, 1757; m. Sarah Curtis; settled in Maine.
172. vii. PRISCILLA, b. May 25, 1759; m. Joshua Merritt and Joseph Brewer.
173. viii. HANNAH, b. June 10, 1761; m. Jacob Merrill, Benjamin Curtis, and another; settled in Maine.
174. ix. ZACHEUS, b. Dec. 21, 1763. Morse says that he "went to sea and died at Surinam." He served in the Revolution (*vide* Appendix). Probably unmarried.
175. x. WILLIAM, b. Mch. 9, 1766; m. Ann Rogers; settled in Maine.
- xi. LUTHER, bapt. Dec. 7, 1769; d. soon after.
- xii. LUTHER, b. in Sept., 1770; bapt. July 9, 1775; d. young (Morse).
176. xiii. LUCY, b. Aug. 29, 1772; m. Jesse Corliss ("Collis"); settled in Maine.

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REMEMBER<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was probably born in Scituate in 1728 (Deane and Morse). Baptized in Scituate, Aug. 14, 1737 (First Church Records). Married, Dec. 15, 1760 (int. Nov. 15), in Scituate, to Solomon Briggs,\* of Norton. No further authentic information can be

\* Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: p. 18, says: Joshua<sup>4</sup> Lincoln (*Peter*,<sup>3</sup> Joshua,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup> "husbandman"), b. in Hing. Feb. 4, 1707-8, m. May 18, 1732, Mary Battles, dau. of Edward and Experience (Pratt) Battles. She was b. in Hing. Apr. 25, 1711, and, surviving him, m. *secondly*, Feb. 7, 1763, Solomon Briggs of Norton. See also, vol. ii: pp. 51, 93 (note).

M. L. T. Alden contributes the following as taken from the vital records of Attleboro, Mass.: "*Solomon*, son of Seth and Hannah (Whittaker) Briggs, *born May 30, 1737*." Seth Briggs of Attleboro and Hannah Whittaker of Rehoboth were married by Rev. David Turner, Jan. 22, 1735-6 (int. Mch. 8, 1734-5). See Rehoboth Records.

If this latter named Solomon Briggs (b. 1737) married Remember<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, then he was nine years her junior. If, after the death of Remember,<sup>4</sup> this Solomon married, secondly, Mary (Battles) Lincoln (named above), then Mary was marrying a man twenty-six years younger than herself, when she was already in her fifty-second year. These data would seem to show that either mistakes have occurred in the entries of the different town records, or else that the Solomon Briggs who married Remember<sup>4</sup> Litchfield is not identical with the Solomon of the Attleboro record or Solomon of the Hingham marriage. No other Solomon has been brought to the notice of the compiler. The Probate Records at Taunton fail to show anything concerning a Solomon Briggs. Norton was the "North Precinct of Taunton," and was established as a town, June 12, 1711.

given by the compiler concerning this family. Anyone possessing data will confer a favor by sending same for the Appendix.

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RUTH<sup>4</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Samuel*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was probably born in Scituate in 1730 (Deane and Morse). Her intentions of marriage to Samuel Stodder of Hingham were filed at Scituate, June 21, 1755, and they were married there, Nov. 6, 1755 (First Church Records). This Samuel Stodder is undoubtedly identical with Samuel<sup>4</sup> Stodder,\* born in Hingham, Sept. 22, 1728, son of Joseph<sup>3</sup>† and Mercy Stodder. They resided in Hingham Second Precinct (now Cohasset). No records have been found in Plymouth Probate Registry.

Children‡ of Samuel and Ruth<sup>4</sup> (Litchfield) Stodder (recorded on Hingham Records, but born in Cohasset):

- i. RUTH<sup>5</sup> Stodder, b. —; d. in infancy.
177. ii. MABEL Stodder, b. June 3, 1755.
- iii. DAVID Stodder, b. July 3, 1757; d. Apr. 15, 1763.
178. iv. RUTH Stodder, b. Apr. 17, 1760.
179. v. REMEMBER Stodder, b. Mch. 24, 1762.
180. vi. SIMEON Stodder, b. Feb. 24, 1764; m. (prob.) Nancy Crooker, 1787.
181. vii. CANTERBURY Stodder, b. Mch. 3, 1767; m. at Boston, Jan. 12, 1791, Sukey Allen.

\* See Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: p. 195. The author does not give the family name of the wife of Samuel Stodder. He says: "Our records furnish no further information relating to either parent," *i. e.*, Samuel or Ruth. Samuel had one sister, Abigail, bapt. May 30, 1725; m. Ebenezer Hill of Abington. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Stodder was the son of Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Abigail (Lane) Stodder, and Daniel<sup>2</sup> was the son of the planter, John.<sup>1</sup> For full information concerning the Stodders, see Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: pp. 191-216, also Pope's *Pioneers*. The name appears also as Stodar, Stoder, and Stoddar, but more commonly in modern times as Stoddard. Arthur G. Loring, Woburn, Mass., is a student of this family.

† Joseph Stodder's will, dated Oct. 12, 1776, and proved (Suffolk Co. Prob. Rec., vol. lxxvi: pp. 522-4) Nov. 28, 1777, does not mention a wife or a son Samuel. He orders his estate to be sold at auction, and after his debts and funeral expenses are paid, to each of *his five grandchildren*, *viz.*, Jonathan, Joseph, Daniel, Solomon and John Hill, he gives five shillings. If there is a remainder he divides it equally between Elijah Stodder (son of Benjamin) of Scituate, and the "wife of James Litchfield of Hingham." Besides this will there appears to be no data concerning this family in the deeds or probate records of Suffolk County.

‡ More information is desired concerning these children and their marriages and descendants. This list is as it appears in the Hingham History. Consult Briggs's Kent Genealogies, p. 22. Nancy Crooker was of a Pembroke family.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

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JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, Jan. 14, 1750-1,\* and was baptized there Feb. 4, 1753. He was undoubtedly named for his maternal grandfather, Joseph Hayden.

He died at Kittery, Maine, Jan. 28, 1828,† where he was pastor nearly a half-century.

Kittery town records, vol. iii: p. 4: "Rev. Joseph Litchfield died Jan. 28, 1828 aged 77 years 2 days. Buried Jan. 31. It was thought that [there] were more than 1000 People who attended his funeral sermon on the occasion delivered by Rev<sup>d</sup> S. Chandler of Eliot. Text, 'I have fought a good fight &c.'"

His place of burial is in a field in the rear of the Methodist church, at Spruce Creek, Kittery, and his gravestone, which stands about eighteen inches high, and thirteen inches wide, with a curiously cut top, bears this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of the Rev Joseph Litchfield who departed this life Jan 28 1828 aged 77 years." No other Litchfield gravestone appears in this field, which belonged to the ancestral estate of the Haleys (see Family No. 52).

There appears to be no record of the settlement of the estate of Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. It would seem, from a study of the deeds on record at Alfred, Me., that he had very little estate to leave, and this was probably distributed to his heirs before his death.

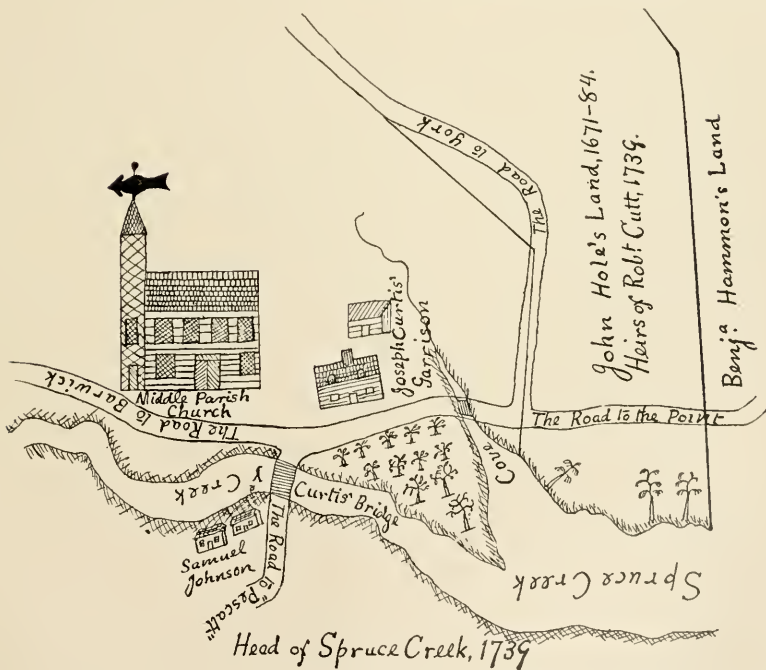
Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield was graduated from Brown University (then called *Rhode Island College*), Providence, R. I., in the Class of 1773, the first, so far as found, of the family of Lawrence<sup>1</sup>

\* This birth date appears on the Scituate Town Records. Morse's Litchfield Genealogy gives: *Jan. 25, 1751*. According to double-dating reckoning, also by the addition of eleven days dropped from the calendar in 1752, this latter date of birth is the more correct, when we consider his recorded age at death.

† Maine Hist. Soc. Coll. and Rec., vol. iii: p. 324: Rev. Joseph Litchfield "died at his dwelling-place, Jan. 28, 1828, aged 78 years." Another record says: He was "buried on the last day of said month [*i. e.* Jan. 31]." Morse's Litchfield Genealogy states the year of his death as "1826," which is incorrect.



Congregational Church ("Lower Parish,") Kittery Point, Me., built 1730, and still standing.  
The parent church of Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield's church.  
("Old Kittery and her Families," page 185 )



Location of Congregational Church where Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield preached.  
("Old Kittery and her Families," page 70.)





Litchfield, to receive a college education and academic honors. The college at this time was very small, and but few buildings had been erected. University Hall had been built but not completed in 1773. It is probable that Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield and his fellow-students roomed and boarded in private houses.

Among the papers\* on file in the College Archives is one entitled "A Remonstrance of the Senior Class of Rhode Island College to the respectable the President and the Professor of the same," bearing date Feb. 19, 1773. From this it appears that serious objections had been made to a Commencement for this year, on the ground mainly that the members of the class to graduate were not "orators." This objection was finally overruled, and the anniversary exercises of the College were held as usual. The following account from the diary or journal of the valedictorian, Doctor Solomon Drowne, is kindly furnished us by his grandson, the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Drowne, of the class of 1845. The author was throughout life an intimate friend of President Manning, and as a physician, attended him in his last sickness. . . .

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1773. At length the day, the great, the important day, is come. O may it prove propitious. Now we must pass from easy College duties into the busy, bustling scenes of life. At about ten o'clock, the Corporation being assembled, we walk in procession from the College Hall, to the Rev. Mr. Snow's meeting-house, where the President introduces the business of the day by Prayer; after which Nash addresses the assembly in a Latin Salutatory Oration; then follows an English Oration, pronounced by Mr. Foster, upon the Discovery, progressive Settlement, present State and future Greatness of the American Colonies; which is succeeded by a Syllogistic Disputation in Latin (the Theses being previously distributed), "*An Voluntati competit Libertas?*" wherein Litchfield is the Respondent, and myself, Padelford and Tillinghast, the Opponents. After this, Tillinghast delivers an Oration on Politeness, which finishes the exercises of the forenoon.

The afternoon exercises begin with an English Oration for the Master's degree, upon Civil Liberty, by Mr. Dennis. The degree of A. B. is then conferred on myself, Joseph Litchfield, Jacob Nash, Philip Padelford and Henry H. Tillinghast; and the degree of A. M., on Messrs. John Dennis, Theodore Foster, Samuel Nash and Seth Read; also on Doct. Thomas Eyre, Secretary of the College, and late of Yale College; to which suc-

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\* The quoted paragraphs are taken from Guild's *Brown University and Manning*, pub. Prov., 1897, pp. 246-250. James Manning, died 1791, the first President of the college, was at its head when Litchfield graduated, and his *Charge* to the class may be found on pp. 248-249, of Guild's historical sketch.

ceeded my Valedictory Oration; and then a most solemn and pathetic charge by the President to our class. The whole is concluded by Prayer.

Now our palpitation and anxiety are over. . . . Thus ends a day which has been long expected, but has passed forever.

To this account by Drowne we may add the following from the *Providence Gazette* :

The young gentlemen performed their respective parts with great propriety, which justly procured them the universal applause of a judicious and candid audience.

The first class to graduate from this college was that of 1769. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield probably entered as a freshman that year. It would appear from a history of the college that the only instructor besides President Manning, who taught languages and moral philosophy, was David Howell, LL. D., professor of natural philosophy. Stephen Hopkins, LL. D., of Providence, was chancellor of the college (1764-1785).

Among the fellow-students of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield may be named several who became famous men, as follows: Theodore Foster, A. M., U. S. Senator (1790-1803); Rev. Samuel Nash, A. M.; Thomas Arnold, A. M., Chief Justice, R. I. Supreme Court (1809-10); Lieut.-Colonel Samuel Ward, A. M.; Dr. Barnabas Binney, A. M.; John Dorrance, A. M., first librarian of Brown University; Dwight Foster, A. M., U. S. Senator (1800-1803); Elias Penniman, A. M.; Dr. Pardon Bowen, A. M.; and Daniel Gano, a pioneer settler of Kentucky.

Of Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield's classmates,\* Solomon Drowne (from whose diary quotation has been made) became the most distinguished. He was a physician in Providence, and a surgeon in the Continental army, a member of various distinguished societies, and an orator and author of considerable merit. He died in Foster, R. I., in 1834. Henry Hendren Tillinghast, A. M., died in 1795. Philip Padelford, A. M., was a surgeon in the R. I. militia in 1778, and afterwards in the navy; he died in 1815. Of Jacob Nash nothing has been ascertained. Perhaps he was a brother of Rev. Samuel Nash, of the class of 1770.

Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield is also credited with the degree of Master of Arts (A. M.);\* when or how he received it does not appear, but

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\* See Brown University Historical Catalogue, 1764-1894, p. 29.

it was no doubt in course, as was then the custom. After graduation from college, Joseph,<sup>5</sup> although married soon, probably studied theology with some minister either in Scituate or Providence. In 1776, he served as a private in the Revolution (see Appendix).

In 1779, he received a call\* to serve as pastor of the Congregational Church in Chesterfield, in the western part of Massachusetts, but this he declined.

In 1780, according to the History of Hanover,† pp. 66, 67, there was a strong effort put forth to secure him as pastor in Hanover. It says :

After the withdrawal of Mr. [Rev. Samuel] Baldwin in 1779, several candidates for the pastorate of the [First Congregational] society were heard, and some time elapsed before a settlement was effected. Rev. Joseph Litchfield, subsequently of York [an error for Kittery], Me., a descendant of Lawrence Litchfield of Barnstable, Mass., was one of these candidates; and a call was given him, with a salary of “£90 *per annum*, in silver money, at 6s. per dollar, or gold equivalent, or in paper bills at the rate or value the General Court or Assembly shall settle the same, and 12 cords of firewood at his door, within a mile from the meeting-house;” and Dec. 27, 1780, was fixed upon as the day of his ordination; Capt. Joseph Soper to provide entertainment for the Council. The Council met, and, it is said, were in session two or three days; but Mr. L. was not ordained, many of the society being opposed to his settlement. Tradition says that the objections urged against him were of the most trifling character;—one being, that he wore stockings “footed up” with yarn of a different color from that in the “tops;” and this was “beneath the dignity of the clerical office;”—and the second, and perhaps the most frivolous of the two, affirming, that, on a certain occasion, in making a call, instead of entering the yard by the *gate*, as a clergyman should have done, he “clambered over the rails of the fence, much to the lowering of the dignity of his profession.”

We suspect, however, that political or other differences were the real grounds of objection against him. But though not settled when first called, a second attempt was made to effect that object, which

\* See Holland's Hist. of Western Mass., vol. ii: pp. 183-189.

† See, also, a shorter account of this attempt in Briggs's Hist. and Rec. of the First Congregational Church of Hanover, 1727-1865, p. 10. This has one or two noticeable errors.

resulted as before, in his rejection and withdrawal. Finally, after hearing several other candidates, to some of whom a call was given, a more unanimous request was sent, in 1783, to the Rev. John Mellen, of Sterling, to come and labor among them; and this call was successful. He was settled in Hanover, February 11, 1784. . . .

Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield was ordained or installed pastor of the Congregational church at Spruce Creek, Kittery, in July, 1782. He was called the "Fisher Parson." The following are abstracts from various books and records concerning this church (now extinct) and its ministers.

*Sketches of the Ecclesiastical History of the State of Maine, from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time. By Jonathan Greenleaf, Pastor of a Church in Wells, 1821, p. 33:* Until the year 1750, all the people in the lower part of Kittery toward the sea, attended on the ministry of Mr. [Rev. John] Newmarch. But about the time [1751] Dr. [Benjamin] Stevens was settled, sundry brethren of the Church living at what was called "Spruce Creek," petitioned to be dismissed and formed into a new Church, and being joined by others in the same part of the town, a separation was amicably effected. On the 19th of Sept. 1750, a Church was organized by Rev. Ward Cotton of Hampton [N. H.], and the same day, Rev. Josiah Chace was ordained. Mr. Chace lived twenty-eight years after his ordination, and died suddenly, Dec. 10, 1778. A little religious excitement took place in this parish soon after the great earthquake, in 1755, but the Records of the Church are imperfect, and but little distinct information can be obtained. After the death of Mr. Chace the people were destitute of preaching nearly four years. In July, 1782, Rev. Joseph Litchfield was ordained among them, and is their present [1821] pastor.

*Maine Historical Society's Collections and Records, vol. iii: p. 324:* Rev. Joseph Litchfield, B. U. 1773, ordained July 10 [?], 1782, was the second settled minister of the Second Parish in Kittery. He was the successor of Rev. Josiah Chase. Though Mr. L. was old-fashioned in his appearance, manners and style of preaching, and formal in his prayers, he was thought to be unquestionably a pious man, and allowed to be an orthodox minister. But his salary was small and his family large; hence, he was under a necessity of doing more secular labor than was consistent with a full discharge of his parochial duties. His useful ministry was, however, continued through the lengthened period of little less than forty years. . . . It is good in support of a minister's usefulness to find that the people of his parish in N. E.,







The Birthplace of Sir William Pepperrell, built in 1682, still standing at Kittery Point, Me.  
(*"Old Kittery and her Families,"* page 248.)



The John Bray House, built in 1662, oldest in Kittery, Me. The home of Margery Bray,  
mother of Sir William Pepperrell.  
(*"Old Kittery and her Families,"* page 45.)



who have intelligence and think and act with independence, have sat, edified and contented, under his charge and instruction nearly half a century.\*

*General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine. Churches and Ministers from 1672 to 1867* (bound pamphlet), p. 23: Kittery, Second Church, Third Parish, organized Sept. 19, 1750. Josiah Chase installed Sept. 19, 1750, died suddenly, Dec. 10 (?) 1778, *aet* 60. Joseph Litchfield installed July, 1782; died Jan. 28, 1828, *aet.* 78. Church extinct.

*History of York County, Maine*, page 286, in sketch of Kittery, and description of Second Church: After his death [*i. e.*, of Rev. Josiah Chase] the church was destitute of preaching nearly four years when Rev. Joseph Littlefield† was ordained, July, 1782. He remained their minister till about the year 1827, when age and infirmity disqualified him for the pulpit. He was the last minister of this church which lost its existence about this time,—the house burned down, and the field was occupied by another denomination [*i. e.*, the Methodist].

*Morse's Litchfield Genealogy* (1855): Rev. Joseph Litchfield settled in early life as pastor of the Congl. ch'h at Kittery, Me., with whom he spent his days. He was of the Orthodox faith and is reported to have been an able and much respected clergyman.

*Stackpole's Old Kittery and Her Families* (1903), p. 194: In 1750 the Middle Parish was separated from the Lower Parish, and the Rev. Josiah Chase became its first ordained minister, 19 Sept. 1750. He was born at Newbury, Mass., 20 Nov. 1713, and graduated at Harvard in 1738. Having attended a wedding, 26 Dec. 1778, he missed his way in a snow storm, fell into the creek near his home and was drowned. His body was recovered the following morning. The Rev. Joseph Litchfield was ordained 3 [?] July, 1782, as the successor of Mr. Chase. He served till 1827, when being enfeebled by age and admiring the zeal and energy of the Methodists, he, with his people, requested the Maine Conference to send them a minister. The Rev. Paschal P. Morrill was sent. Thus Congregationalism at the head of Spruce Creek passed over to Methodism without friction, and a Methodist church has been maintained there ever since. Mr.

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\* In this sketch, the statement that Rev. Joseph Litchfield "was probably the brother of Rev. Paul Litchfield, H. U. 1775, who d. at Carlisle, Mass., Nov. 5, 1827, aged 76 years," is, of course, without foundation. They were *second cousins*. See Family No. 99. Rev. Josiah Chase's grandson, Joshua Chase, m. Nancy,<sup>6</sup> dau. of Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

† A mistake, of course, for *Litchfield*. Such errors have been found several times in Maine records, as Littlefield is even a more common name there than Litchfield.

Litchfield died 28 Jan. 1828. The old church was burned in 1834, and a new one was built the following year. The present church edifice was built in 1879 at a cost of about \$2,200. The parsonage was built in 1842.

*Methodism in Maine*, 1795-1886, edited by Allen & Pilsbury, pub. 1887, pp. 390-1: The history of Methodism in Kittery is in some respects remarkable, affording the first instance in Maine, in which Methodism was welcomed by a minister of the "Standing Order." In July, 1782, Rev. Joseph *Littlefield* [Litchfield] was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Spruce Creek in Kittery. He continued as pastor over forty years. Being then aged and infirm, he requested his parishioners to apply to the Methodist Conference for a young minister to assist him in his work, stating that he was pleased with the doctrine of the Methodists, and "their manner of itinerancy." Accordingly a request was sent to the Conference in 1827, and Rev. Pascal P. Morrill, that year received on trial, was appointed to Eliot, including Kittery, who acted as colleague of Mr. *Littlefield* [Litchfield] till his death which occurred the next year. During the year, Mr. Morrill organized a class of fourteen members in Kittery, partly from Eliot, and some who had been converted under his ministry. The following are the names of the members of the first class in Kittery, viz.: Gowen Wilson, Nancy Wilson, William W. Fernald,\* Waite Fernald,\* Mary Cutts, Julia Fernald,\* Thomas Mason, Elzira Johnson, Susan Pettigrew, Hannah Caswell, Abigail Peckenrill, Susan Neely, Robert Cutts, Hannah Cutts.

In Fleet's *Register*† for 1800, Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield is named as a member of the "Lower Association on Piscataqua River, partly in New Hampshire and partly in Maine" of Congregational ministers.

On Oct. 11, 1786, Rev. Messrs. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Joseph Buckminster, Joseph Haven, Benjamin Stevens and eight other pastors, signed a testimonial‡ from the Association of Ministers recommending Jeremy Belknap, late minister of Dover, "to the service of the churches wherever God in his providence may call

\* William W. Fernald was the husband of Waite Fernald, who was sister of Hannah, wife of Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. Julia Fernald (Mrs. Morrell) was their daughter. See Salisbury notes, later.

† In Fleet's Register, also in the Massachusetts Registers, for the years 1783-1819 (perhaps longer), his name appears as pastor of the Congregational Church at Kittery, Maine.

‡ Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections, vol. iv, 6th series, pp. 378-9.

him." This was read to the Council which convened Apr. 4, 1787, for the installation of Mr. Belknap in Boston.

*William Fogg's Diary*,\* under date of Sunday, Nov. 5, 1815, says: "Evening at our Meeting house, sermon by Mr. Litchfield of Kittery." Thursday, Nov. 9, 1815, in account of installation of Rev. Mr. Dow as Pastor in York, "Second Prayer by Rev. Mr. Litchfield of Kittery."

Mrs. Julia (Fernald) Morrell,† Hyde Park, Mass., wrote in December, 1899:

Rev. Joseph Litchfield graduated from Brown University, Providence, R. I.; he became acquainted with his wife and was married there, I presume, for she lived at home for some time after their marriage. He was ordained at Kittery, Spruce Creek, 1782; he was a good preacher; sermons short and interesting; he was greatly beloved by all his parishioners and the whole town; very discreet and peaceable in the neighborhood; of course he had the respect of everyone; my father and family attended his church till he resigned six months previous to his death. . . . Parson Litchfield in his early days built many fishing schooners (as his salary was not very large); he lived near the Creek; he, at one time, possessed considerable property but during the war of 1812, the vessels were taken by privateers, so he lost most all he had. . . . My mother and Mrs. Litchfield were both born in Providence, R. I.; my mother went to Kittery to visit her sister, met my father and married him there.

Many are the anecdotes which might be given concerning Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. He was very witty at times, and enjoyed a joke and pleasant companionship. Once, it is related, his wife complained of his returning late from a journey across the river. He retorted: "Dam the ferryman, he wouldn't take me across." The name of the boatman came in very *apropos* to suit the pastor's feelings. It is interesting to note that one

\* See a magazine, called "Old Eliot" (Me.), May, 1899, vol. iv: pp. 78, 79.

† Mrs. Morrell (now dead) was the daughter of William Wentworth and Waite (Salisbury) Fernald, and was born Feb. 9, 1808, thus being able to remember, personally, much about Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, her uncle-in-law. Waite Salisbury and Hannah Salisbury were sisters. In her letters to the compiler, she showed a remarkable memory, and was able to throw light upon many vexing questions concerning the family of Hannah Salisbury. Her father's middle name of *Wentworth* links her with the Wentworth family, of which there is a very large printed genealogy, *q. v.* Mrs. Morrell's late residence was at 146 Fairmount Ave., Hyde Park, Mass.

of Rev. Joseph's descendants married into the Dam family. He was asked, one day, what luck he was having in fishing. Some visitors had just left his home, and so he replied: "Oh, I have caught enough eels to fill two Barrells, with skins that hold four bushels of corn." Eel-skins, in those days, were used as rope or twine is now. His powers of observation were almost unexcelled, and, at times, his descriptions were startling, to say the least. Once he said, "I have seen mosquitoes that would climb on the trees and bark, and many of them would weigh a pound." Other witty statements might be given, but their local coloring would not render them readily understood by the general reader.

Major Mark Dennett, one of Kittery's most distinguished citizens, was born four years after Mr. Litchfield settled at Spruce Creek, and lived to be upwards of a century old. He was a pupil and intimate friend of the "Fisher-Parson," and attended his church many years. Later, Mr. Dennett became a Free Will Baptist. Among the papers left by Mr. Dennett, who was a historian and genealogist of much local renown, the name of Mr. Litchfield is found several times, but he failed to preserve in written form much of personal and local interest. Mr. Dennett's recollections of the men and events of the days of his youth and young manhood have, in large part, been handed down by word of mouth. His grandchildren\* have related to the compiler much that is here printed.

Emphasis is to be laid upon the integrity, liberality and generosity of Rev. Joseph's life, and the great esteem and love which bound him and his flock together. He was a believer in temperance. When offered a glass of wine or rum, he would cover the contents with his hand in order to conceal how little he drank, for moderation in drinking was one of his virtues. In the pulpit he showed a freedom of thought and feeling which was ahead of his time. He would pray fervently and earnestly for the "four quarters of the globe," and longed for Christian forbearance and tolerance of creed and sect.

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\* Miss Ellen M. Dennett, York Village, Me., and Alexander Dennett, Kittery Village, Me., are two of these grandchildren. The latter has his grandfather's papers.



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